



WELCOME TO EDITION NUMBER 9 - WEEK ENDING SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

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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 21:30 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 cup action from Hedge End Rangers, who beat fellow Division One side Fawley 5-2 in the Hampshire Senior Cup. Thanks to Robin Caddy for the picture



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Just a quick reminder that all Clubs must include the advertisements indicated by the League in **every** Match Programme they produce- in either the PRINTED or ON-LINE version.

New ones for 2026/27 are now available. Page 4 shows our Partners for 2026/27, this **must** be a full page and must also be in all programmes issued.

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THROUGH THE DOORS



These attendance weekly total 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
01-Aug-26	2,918	19	153.58	2,918	-1,197	2,918
08-Aug-26	5,395	34	158.68	2,477	1,767	8,313
15-Aug-26	3,958	31	127.68	-1,437	195	12,271
22-Aug-26	5,035	38	132.50	1,077	1,253	17,306
29-Aug-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
05-Sep-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
12-Sep-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
19-Sep-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
26-Sep-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
03-Oct-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
10-Oct-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
17-Oct-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
24-Oct-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
31-Oct-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
07-Nov-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
14-Nov-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
21-Nov-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
28-Nov-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
05-Dec-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
12-Dec-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
19-Dec-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
26-Dec-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
02-Jan-27	*	*	*	*	*	*
09-Jan-27	*	*	*	*	*	*
16-Jan-27	*	*	*	*	*	*

CLUB NEWS

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

Aaron Roberts is the latest Wessex centurion, with 100 appearance for **Hamworthy Recreation**

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP SECOND ROUND

The Second Round draw will be on our Radio Show at around 12:15 tomorrow, Sunday 23 August. Tune in to find out who's got who!

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

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League	Pos	STEP 5	PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
5. NCP	1	Bottesford Town	4	4	0	0	16	1	15	12	3.000
5. UCS	4	Knowle	4	4	0	0	14	0	14	12	3.000
5. UCS	1	Atherstone Town	5	5	0	0	17	4	13	15	3.000
5. MLP	2	Runcorn Town	3	3	0	0	15	3	12	9	3.000
5. NCP	2	Dearne & District	4	4	0	0	17	5	12	12	3.000
5. HLP	1	Westfields	4	4	0	0	12	2	10	12	3.000
5. MLP	3	Sutton United (Birmingham)	3	3	0	0	9	2	7	9	3.000
5. CCN	5	North Greenford United	3	3	0	0	8	3	5	9	3.000
5. SEP	1	Bearsted	2	2	0	0	5	0	5	6	3.000
5. UCS	5	Desborough Town	4	4	0	0	8	3	5	12	3.000
5. HLP	4	Roman Glass St. George	3	3	0	0	4	0	4	9	3.000
5. WXP	2	Fareham Town	3	3	0	0	6	2	4	9	3.000
5. ECP	9	Thetford Town	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6	3.000
5. MLP	4	Abbey Hulton United	3	3	0	0	6	3	3	9	3.000
5. SMP	3	Sawbridgeworth Town	3	3	0	0	9	6	3	9	3.000
5. ESL	8	Frenford	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	3.000
5. SEP	2	Petts Wood & Holmesdale	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	6	3.000
5. NC1	3	Easington Colliery	6	5	1	0	17	4	13	16	2.667
5. UCS	2	St Neots Town	5	4	1	0	11	1	10	13	2.600
5. UCS	3	Northampton ON Chenecks	5	4	1	0	10	4	6	13	2.600
5. NCP	1	Bottesford Town	4	4	0	0	16	1	15	12	3.000
League	Pos	STEP 6	PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
6. ML1	1	GNG Oadby Town	6	6	0	0	23	5	18	18	3.000
6. SWE	1	Elburton Villa	4	4	0	0	18	2	16	12	3.000
6. E1S	2	May & Baker Eastbrook	4	4	0	0	12	0	12	12	3.000
6. ML1	3	Lutterworth Athletic	5	5	0	0	15	3	12	15	3.000
6. UC1	1	Clipstone	6	6	0	0	15	3	12	18	3.000
6. WX1	1	New Milton Town	4	4	0	0	14	3	11	12	3.000
6. SWW	1	Sticker	3	3	0	0	11	1	10	9	3.000
6. SC1	5	Worthing United	2	2	0	0	10	1	9	6	3.000
6. WL1	4	AEK Boco	3	3	0	0	11	2	9	9	3.000
6. SWE	2	Cullompton Rangers	3	3	0	0	8	0	8	9	3.000
6. SC1	1	AFC Walcountians	3	3	0	0	10	2	8	9	3.000
6. SE1	1	Rochester United	4	4	0	0	9	2	7	12	3.000
6. SC1	2	Infinity	3	3	0	0	8	2	6	9	3.000
6. SE1	2	Staplehurst Monarchs	3	3	0	0	7	2	5	9	3.000
6. SS1	2	Langford	3	3	0	0	7	2	5	9	3.000
6. SS1	1	Wellingborough Whitworth	3	3	0	0	9	4	5	9	3.000
6. SE1	4	Hythe Town	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6	3.000
6. SS1	3	Ampthill Town	3	3	0	0	7	3	4	9	3.000
6. SS1	4	Irchester United	3	3	0	0	6	2	4	9	3.000
6. SC1	7	Saltdean United	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6	3.000

STAT ATTACK

TOP FIVE LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION

Luke Burbidge	Downton	3
George Coleman	Sturminster Newton United	3
Josh Neale	East Cowes Victoria	3
Max Wilcock	Downton	3
[Eleven on]	-	2

DIVISION ONE

Dan Bone	Frimley Green	5
Reece Miller	Sandhurst Town	4
Arran Moore	Amesbury Town	4
Tiago Moreno	Sandhurst Town	4
[Nine on]	-	3

*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

Sturminster Newton United	vs	Christchurch	402	4 August
Fareham Town	vs	Brockenhurst	255	22 August
Bashley	vs	Hamble Club	253	1 August
Sturminster Newton United	vs	Fareham Town	243	1 August
Sturminster Newton United	vs	Downton	239	18 August

DIVISION ONE

Top five league attendances

New Milton Town	vs	Cove	263	1 August
New Milton Town	vs	AFC Aldermaston	221	8 August
Romsey Town	vs	Blandford United	208	22 August
New Milton Town	vs	Ash United	205	22 August
Fawley AFC	vs	Lymington Town	202	31 July

PREMIER DIVISION- HIGH WINNING SCORES

Home win	Sturminster Newton United	vs	Christchurch	5-1	4 August
Away win	East Cowes Victoria	vs	Horndean	0-3	22 August

DIVISION ONE- HIGH WINNING SCORES

Home win	Frimley Green	vs	Kintbury Rangers	5-0	18 August
	New Milton Town	vs	Cove	6-1	1 August
Away win	Whitchurch United	vs	Sandhurst Town	0-5	5 August

PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP - 2026/27

The draw was made earlier this weekend. First Round ties are expected to be completed by 26 September

First Round

Baffins Milton Rovers U23	v	Paulsgrove
Clanfield	v	Waterlooville AFC
Crofton Saints	v	Horndean United
Fleetlands	v	Locks Heath
Hayling United	v	United Services Portsmouth
Liss Athletic	v	Meon Milton
Royal Navy FA	v	United Services Portsmouth U23
Southsea Sports	v	Emsworth Town

[BYES: AFC Portchester, Baffins Milton Rovers, Fareham Town, Gosport Borough, Havant & Waterlooville, Horndean, Moneyfields and Petersfield Town] Seeds decided by league finishing position in non league pyramid from last season

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

STEP 5 PPG RANKING

Andover New Street	106
Baffins Milton Rovers	132
Bashley	293
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	58
Bournemouth	281
Brockenhurst	132
Christchurch	293
Cowes Sports	132
Downton	106
East Cowes Victoria Athletic	132
Fareham Town	1
Fleetlands	58
Hamble Club	132
Hamworthy Recreation	58
Horndean	132
Hythe & Dibden	259
Laverstock & Ford	254
Millbrook	132
Petersfield Town	166
Sherborne Town	129
Sturminster Newton United	58

STEP 6 PPG RANKING

AFC Aldermaston	213
Alresford Town	186
Amesbury Town	52
Ash United	319
Blandford United	264
Colden Common	296
Cove	65
Fawley AFC	65
Folland Sports	296
Frimley Green	106
Hamworthy United	295
Hedge End Rangers	114
Kintbury Rangers	192
Lymington Town	282
New Milton Town	1
Newport (Isle of Wight)	1
Ringwood Town	186
Romsey Town	171
Sandhurst Town	65
Totton & Eling	330
Whitchurch United	139

RESULTS ROUNDUP

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

Tuesday 18 August

Hampshire Senior Cup First Round

Alresford Town <i>James Tennant</i> <i>Sam Freeman</i> <i>Billy Grimes</i>	3-2	Totton & Eling <i>Archie Mullins</i> <i>OG</i>	112
Alton <i>Manny Acheampong 2</i> <i>Hadif Darwysh 54</i>	2-0	East Cowes Victoria	155
Bashley <i>Luke Delaney</i>	1-1	Colden Common <i>[8-9 on penalties]</i> <i>Harvey Clark</i>	145
Brockenhurst <i>Ashton Palmier 2</i> <i>Toby Colmer 40</i> <i>Dylan Walker 61</i> <i>Harry McGrath 71</i>	4-1	Lymington Town <i>Will Johnson 16</i>	203
Fareham Town <i>Dan Sibley 45</i> <i>Matty Pates 62</i> <i>Joe Ryan 88</i>	3-2	Fleetlands <i>Christian Bennett 75</i> <i>Kelvin Robinson 76</i>	237
Horndean <i>Finlay Murray 16</i> <i>Theo Glazier 42</i>	2-1	Cove <i>Will May 47</i>	88

Petersfield Town <i>Tyler Burns 4</i> <i>Rocco Miller 45+2, 87</i> <i>George Comben 47</i> <i>OG 57</i> <i>George Bowerman 68</i>	6-1	Eversley & California <i>[Not provided by club]</i>	101
Ringwood Town <i>Ollie Brown 26</i> <i>Ben Bradwell 36</i> <i>Ben Harris 39</i>	3-1	Christchurch <i>Muhammed Basiru-Jammeh 89</i>	83
Premier Division			
Hythe & Dibden <i>Dom Cupid 87</i>	1-2	Baffins Milton Rovers <i>Harvey Wellham 33</i> <i>Oscar McCulloch 48</i>	101
Laverstock & Ford <i>Hubert Cegiela</i> <i>Devon Arnold</i>	2-2	Hamble Club <i>Jordan Cunningham</i> <i>Ramon Barrow</i>	141
Sturminster Newton United <i>George Adair-Charlton 27</i> <i>Moss Jackson 38</i> <i>Elliot Bevis 90+3 pen</i>	3-1	Downton <i>Max Wilcock 47 pen</i>	239
Division One			
Frimley Green <i>Josh Bullen</i> <i>Dan Bone</i> <i>Benji Colson</i> <i>Elliot Cannon [2, 1 pen]</i>	5-0	Kintbury Rangers	73
Hamworthy United <i>Louis Whetton 16, 60</i> <i>Josh Taylor 51 pen</i>	3-4	Romsey Town <i>Adam Bicknell 17, 62 pen</i> <i>Alex Wilson 73</i> <i>Brandon Hill 81</i>	123
Sandhurst Town <i>Jude New 67</i>	1-3	Amesbury Town <i>Aran Moore 60</i> <i>Ben Ashfield 75</i> <i>Callum Sweeney 90+3</i>	83
Wednesday 19 August Hampshire Senior Cup First Round			
Hedge End Rangers <i>Jake Gould 55</i> <i>Henry Hammerton 70</i> <i>Ellis Snell 72</i> <i>Jamie White 90+2, 90+3</i>	5-2	Fawley AFC <i>Dylan Male 53</i> <i>Marshall Waterfield 82</i>	165
Whitchurch United <i>Kieron Farmer</i> <i>Charlie Dobson [2]</i>	3-4	Cowes Sports <i>Ashton Cox 19. 51</i> <i>Scott McFarlane 41</i> <i>Seth Arnold 70</i>	60
Division One			
AFC Aldermaston	0-0	Ash United	40
Friday 21 August Division One			
Folland Sports	0-0	Lymington Town	122

Saturday 22 August**Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round**

Andover New Street	2-1	Shaftesbury	203
<i>Ollie Erdinc 14, 52</i>		<i>Harry Baker 7</i>	
Downton	1-4	Millbrook	104
<i>Owen Fee 4</i>		<i>Callum Drake 14</i>	
		<i>Tommy Wright 32, 45+2, 54</i>	
Fleetlands	3-0	Yateley United	139
<i>Joe Briggs 58</i>			
<i>Christian Bennett 82</i>			
<i>Kelvin Robinson 88</i>			
Hamble Club	0-0	Tadley Calleva	106
<i>[Replay Tuesday at Tadley]</i>			
Petersfield Town	0-2	Laverstock & Ford	147
		<i>Archie Lovegrove</i>	
		<i>Rich Cooper</i>	

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath Harlequins	3-2	Christchurch	80
<i>Chris Kapend</i>		<i>Muhammed Basiru-Jammeh</i>	
<i>Artem Mosiakin [2]</i>		<i>Addwell Chipangura</i>	
Bournemouth Poppies	0-2	Sherborne Town	68
		<i>Alex Murphy 18</i>	
		<i>Liam Nardiello 88</i>	
Cowes Sports	3-1	Hythe & Dibden	172
<i>John McKie 29, 32, 50</i>		<i>Karol Skoczen 79</i>	
East Cowes Victoria	0-3	Horndean	222
		<i>Josh Millo 13, 53, 55</i>	
Fareham Town	3-1	Brockenhurst	255
<i>Dan Sibley</i>		<i>Ashton Palmier 1</i>	
<i>Joe Ryan</i>			
<i>Stan Bridgman</i>			
Sturminster Newton United	2-2	Hamworthy Recreation	232
<i>Sean Hart 33</i>		<i>Aaron Roberts 48</i>	
<i>Aaron Lane-Leney 58</i>		<i>Oli Davies 88</i>	

Division One

Alresford Town	1-2	Newport (IOW)	149
<i>Brett Denham 58</i>		<i>Keelan Walsh 35</i>	
		<i>Ji Nash 67</i>	
Amesbury Town	2-1	AFC Aldermaston	64
<i>Terry Brooks 56</i>		<i>Nick Parfitt-Bowers 33 pen</i>	
<i>Robbie Owen 75</i>			
Colden Common	1-2	Cove	66
<i>Sam Middleton</i>		<i>Will May 18 pen</i>	
		<i>Noah Ayres 90+4</i>	
Frimley Green	2-3	Fawley AFC	81
<i>Tyler Garratt</i>		<i>Alex Sawyer [2]</i>	
<i>Ant Croucher</i>		<i>Josh Moody</i>	
Kintbury Rangers	2-2	Hamworthy United	84
<i>Jacob Wallace 11, 23</i>		<i>Louis Whetton 50</i>	
		<i>Harry Wilkinson 54</i>	

New Milton Town <i>Callum Clarke 44</i> <i>Joe Roberts 56</i> <i>Niall Dixon 60, 67</i>	4-1	Ash United <i>Minaz Chowdhury 87</i>	205
Romsey Town <i>Adam Bicknell 85 pen</i>	1-1	Blandford United <i>Jimmy Fry 3</i>	208
Sandhurst Town <i>Tiago Moreno [2]</i> <i>Reece Miller</i>	3-0	Hedge End Rangers	54
Totton & Eling <i>Ashton Goodger</i> <i>Aston Hughes</i>	2-3	Whitchurch United <i>[Not provided by club]</i>	125

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 18 AUGUST HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP FIRST ROUND- BROCKENHURST 4-1 LYMINGTON TOWN

Jon Renyard was pitchside

Badgers new and old: near-neighbours Lymington came to town bringing at least four ex-Badgers in their starting XI, plus one more on the bench. For Brock, the improbable sight of no fewer than three Toby's in one team...

This was a confident, impressive win for the Badgers, despite going behind. There may have been some unfamiliar names, but Brock had more than enough for the visitors. The early signs were promising, but not quite sharp enough to trouble James Mayo in the Linnets goal. At the other end, Toby Stainer-Reid showed that he's the spiritual heir to Jordi by making an early tackle outside his box. But he could do nothing to prevent Lymington opening the scoring on 16 minutes: one pass, Will JOHNSON in acres of space on the edge of the box, finding the corner to give the visitors the lead.

That lead lasted seven minutes, in which time Brock showed more intensity and accuracy with their passing, and the equaliser was well crafted, McGrath laying the ball off in the box for Ashton PALMIER to score. Two minutes later, Palmier again, a near-post header just wide of the target.

The Linnets were brave enough on the ball and created a couple of half-chances – Toby Bailey headed off his own line, Rob Skirth made a fine block on a Johnson shot, Petty headed over when he might have done better – but Brock were creating also, first a back-post header from Palmier which went along the goalline rather than over it, then Wearden scrambled a ball off his own line – but five minutes from the break, turnaround complete, McGrath's shot inside the box was blocked but the loose ball ran to Toby COLMER who made no mistake. He almost added a third with a fine near-post effort right on the interval, but Mayo stretched out a leg and made an excellent save.

HT 2-1

Almost a catastrophic start to the second half for the Badgers – Toby Bailey lost the ball in his own box, tried to win it back, Stainer-Reid gathered and referee Sam Downer – who had an excellent game – deemed it a back pass and an indirect free about eight yards out. The shot was blocked, possibly by the keeper, possibly a defender, no way of telling through the ruck... 52 minutes, another possible let-off, Charlie Cox free down the left, he made good ground but blazed his shot high and wide. 56 minutes, chance for the Badgers, free kick just outside the box, fizzed wide by Palmier.

And on 61, Brock made the game safe. Freddie Bullard, on the pitch for two minutes, played a clever chipped cross, Dylan WALKER stealing in ahead of the defenders with a neat finish, 3-1.

Ten minutes later and it was 4-1, Bullard again the provider although this time it was all about Harry McGRATH, who still had plenty to do when he picked the ball up but he powered a shot into the far corner.

Palmier should probably have added a fifth when played through by McGrath but shot wide... Aga-In turned on a sixpence and fired a shot just over from a very tight angle... but while Brock were in the ascendancy, Lymington hadn't completely gone away, one speculative cross from the right wing came back off the crossbar, and Stainer-Reid had to tip a Cherrett cross over – but Le Moignan missed his kick from the resulting corner, and that was pretty much that.

FT 4-1

TUESDAY 18 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

HAMWORTHY UNITED 3-4 ROMSEY TOWN

Tony Beck was pitchside

After their impressive FA Vase performance on Saturday, Hamworthy United made one change to the starting eleven, Louis Bragginton replacing the injured Sam Darlow. Jack Kinge-Phillips was played further up the pitch after his weekend goal, with Josh Taylor leading the line. Tom Fu returned to the bench which also included the fresh face of Harrison Whitelaw. The Hammers would be hoping to give departing manager Micky Hubbard the perfect swansong.

Although the very early pressure came from Romsey, the first major chance came United's way on five minutes. Elliot Birtwistle's well flighted free kick to the right of goal was headed across by Bragginton into the path of Josh Taylor whose powerful effort just missed the far post.

In a lively first half, it was the Hammers drew first blood on 16 minutes when a loose Romsey pass across the pitch was intercepted by Louis WHETTON who proceeded to drill the ball home into the bottom right corner.

However, the Town responded only a minute later following a complete mess up in the home defence. From a ball lobbed into the air by Adam Pattison, Adam BICKNELL's unconvincing header took a deflection off Bragginton to creep into the net past the already committed Ryan Knibbs moving the other way.

The home team again came close shortly after when an excellent long ball down the pitch by Bragginton put Ryan Chavez-Munoz in sight of goal, whose strong finish could only be parried wide by the Romsey stopper Miles Bartram. In the same passage of play, Birtwistle's low ball back across the goal had just too much pace for a connection by Kinge-Phillips.

A potentially pivotal moment occurred on 35 minutes. Whetton's exquisite flick forward to a ball from defence, put Taylor clear only to be cynically felled by the last man, Romsey captain Owen Holloway, for an undisputed red card.

HT 1-1

United restored their lead six minutes into the new half, the Town conceding a needless penalty after substitute George Pomeroy slid into Kinge-Phillips who had already delivered the ball. Josh TAYLOR took full advantage as he found the bottom left corner despite a good effort by Bartram to keep it out.

The Hammers soon had the luxury of a two goal advantage on 60 minutes with a magnificent goal worth the entrance price alone. Louis WHETTON could claim the assist and the goal in one, showing great determination to win the ball from a Romsey attack out on the right, before moving in and curling an excellent shot into the top left corner from some 35 yards.

Again Romsey responded quickly on 62 minutes, Pattison being brought down by Bragginton as he advanced into box. Adam BICKNELL easily converted the resultant spot-kick, sending Knibbs the wrong way to now make it 3-2.

Remarkably it was all square again on 73 minutes, as the Hammers' set-piece curse returned. A corner from the left led to a bit of ping-pong in the box, the ball being finally tucked away by Alex WILSON.

Worse was to follow for United. On 81 minutes the ten men of Romsey edged in front for the first time, the ball being slid through to Brandon HILL who advanced well before his neat finish found the far right corner.

United pressed late on but a number of good saves by Bartram kept the score at bay. Sadly, it was not be the perfect send-off for Micky Hubbard. While not being able to defend a 3-1 lead against ten men is frustrating, the nucleus of a good team that will put in a good run may not be far away if the team could just "tweak" on a couple of aspects of their play.

FT 3-4

**WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP FIRST ROUND-
HEDGE END RANGERS 5-2 FAWLEY AFC**

Robin Caddy was pitchside

There wasn't a single person in the crowd of 165 who would have predicted the scoreline for this game. Yes, both teams have had good starts to the season, but they have only scored ten goals between them in their seven games played. Indeed both teams used this Hampshire Senior Cup first round game to rotate their squads significantly. The main point of note in the first half was the injury to Fawley skipper Declan Hartigan who had to go off. Other than the visitors looked slightly more likely to score but it was a fairly uneventful half.

HT 0-0

Unlike the second half, which eventually exploded in to life.

The first goal of the evening came on 53 minutes when a corner by Sesay for Fawley is not dealt with very well and Dylan MALE says thank you very much.

Jake GOULD puts the hosts back on level terms 2 minutes later, with a sweeping shot over the keeper. Fifteen minutes later and Rangers are getting well on top, Will Hammerton's teasing free kick is flicked on in the middle for sub Henry HAMMERTON to bravely head home 2-1. There's no rest for the wicked as two minutes later Ellis SNELL, Hedge End Rangers number three, finds himself with the ball on the edge of the box and strikes across it beautifully, sending it screaming past the keeper in to the goal. 3-1 and honestly everyone is stunned at this period of play.

On 80 minutes Snell is played in beautifully by a great move down Rangers left, but he can't keep his shot down. Then it all starts to feel a bit like the Alresford game from the other week, and you think maybe Hedge End Rangers will get caught out again. Fawley decide they want something from the game, and Rangers look a bit vulnerable at the back. On 82 minutes veteran striker Alex Sawyer leaves the ball for Marshall WATERFIELD to drill a shot home, 3-2.

Suddenly it really is game-on and Fawley look dangerous for the rest of the 90 minutes. That is until Jamie White does what Jamie White does. A long ball, a devastating break, the ball comes to him and WHITE chips it over the oncoming keeper and in off the post - 4-2 in added time. Then a repeat performance of sorts, Rangers' keeper launches one straight to Jamie WHITE who holds off his marker so well, not once but twice, goes for goal, incredible - its 5-2.

Seven goals in an action packed second half, and Hedge End Rangers are through to the next round.

FT 5-2

**SATURDAY 22 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
EAST COWES VICTORIA 0-3 HORNDEAN**

Russ Chapman was pitchside

Vics welcomed Horndean to Beatrice Avenue for this Wessex Premier Division game with the chance to improve on their league position. With joint manager Alex Smith away, co-manager Elliot Wheeler and assistant manager Andy Rann took the helm.

Vic's started brightly and Will Bridi was in on goal in the seventh minute, his effort just wide. A minute later Josh Millo's effort, just wide was an indication of things to come.

Horndean took the lead on 13 minutes, under very farcical conditions. The referee stopped the game after Liam Triggs and Theo Glazier injured themselves going for a 50/50 ball, when both players eventually got to their feet the ref dropped a ball for Horndean, with obvious misunderstanding of conversation, the Vics players stood still thinking the ball was being given back to them, the Horndean Striker Josh MILLO, stepped in and slotted past George Bridi.

Caleb Dyer's effort was wild and wide on 19 minutes. Both sides were working hard to get some sort of pattern going, but it was difficult for both sets of players and chances were few.

Horndean skipper Charlie Oakwell-Bowlan was unlucky with a header on 28 minutes. Vics only opening, Charlie Harts powerful 20 yard effort right on half time that sailed over.

HT 0-1

After what must have been a proper half time chat, Vics came out with real vigour, on 48 minutes Charlie Harts effort going bottom corner was incredibly pushed around the post by Josh Grant.

A minute later Harrison Yates 25 yard effort was deflected wide. From the corner, Josh Neale found a yard of space and drilled his effort from 2 yards out but Grant again making a fabulous save.

With Vics on top, it all went wrong in the 53rd minute, a short back pass was picked up by MILLO and his pace took him away to round Bridi for his second.

Three minutes later and it was three, a ball knocked back across the box seemed hopeful, but MILLO nipped in to poke home from six yards for his hat-trick. Vics were stunned after such a great start to the half, heads did stay up though and Josh Neale was unlucky on 59 minutes, Jake Wright was unlucky, a great strike from 18 yards slamming against the upright on 64 minutes.

Josh Neale was clean through in the 74th minute but his effort was hit straight at the keeper. Vics still pushed until the end and late chances from Liam Triggs and Josh Neale weren't converted.

FT 0-3

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST- EMIRATES FA CUP PRELIMINARY ROUND

FLEETLANDS 3-0 YATELEY UNITED

Paul Harris was pitchside

Several FA Cup ties on today locally, involving interesting opposition, all at grounds I've already been to in the last couple of weeks.

Both teams here gained promotion from Wessex One last season and ended up in different leagues (Wessex Premier and Combined Counties Premier South respectively), the highest both have ever reached. It is their first ever season in the FA Cup. Both have made decent starts this year. The same fixture last season ended 1-0 to the home side.

The first half wasn't great, the home side were too slow in the buildup and the visitors had chances but couldn't take advantage.

Early on a Merritt cross for the hosts gave visiting keeper Hugo Sobte a little trouble, he eventually pushed it over the bar. At the other end a header by Connolly from a free-kick was wide. Connolly robbed home keeper Trojanowski as he was slow to clear and set up Scott, whose shot was blocked, and the rebound was cleared off the line. Connolly was then put through by a good ball but Trojanowski made a good block with his legs.

On the half hour we had a bout of handbags after an overreaction to a foul, a yellow apiece sorted it out. Connolly then nearly took advantage of a poor header back to Trojanowski, and then Scott then fired over from another move. Near to the break the Coptermen had another effort on goal as Mann's shot was deflected, easy for Sobte.

HT 0-0

After the restart the home side, whose manager voiced his opinion as usual, were much improved, faster to the ball and in the buildup. Blackwood had an early long shot wide for the visitors, but on 58 minutes the home side took the lead as a great cross from the left by Ayres was powerfully headed in by BRIGGS. It came as a bit of a surprise to everyone, and the visitors struggled to find a reply. Only a shot from sub Wynn, over, was there to see.

The home side grew in confidence and sub Hammerton nearly scored with his first touch, but Sobte saved his header. He then set up Robinson but he unnecessarily tried to beat his man and the tackle came in. At the other end Trojanowski made a decent save from Wynn, and a shot from Blackwood went over. The game was settled on 82 minutes as a Coptermen break and cross saw the first shot blocked, but ROBINSON was following up to sweep in. And the third came six minutes later, sub BENNETT pounced on a loose ball and fired an excellent volley over Sobte. In injury time Yateley almost got a consolation as Connolly firstly forced a good save and soon after hit the angle with a shot. But it was the home side's day, the final score a bit flattering, and they can look forward to the 1Q draw on Monday - maybe the possibility of a tie with near-neighbours Gosport Borough?

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

FAREHAM TOWN 3-1 BROCKENHURST

Jon Renyard was pitchside

And so, after a year away, the Badgers were back at Cams Alders to take on Fareham Town. Let's be honest, the scoreline tells you that Fareham won the game quite comfortably, but with the chances the Badgers created (and missed), the visitors could very easily have got something from the afternoon...

An explosive start to the game, Brock with the kick off, ball played forward to Ashton PALMIER who controlled it on his chest, let it bounce, and hooked a swerving, curling shot into the top corner from 25 yards as keeper Dec McCarthy stood and admired. 11 seconds on the clock, Badgers ahead with an absolute worldie. (Is 11 seconds a league record?)

Did that change anyone's game plan? Possibly not: the Creeksiders were patient, prioritising the flanks and looking dangerous without creating clear chances, while Brock – well, game management not their strong point, continued to press forward and leave themselves more open than the manager will have liked. Even so, they might easily have scored a second: Harry McGrath with a strong run and powerful shot blocked, and Toby Colmer with a great run down the right and a cross fizzed through the box, just evading Dylan Walker. In between those two chances, some confusion in the Fareham defence, Bennett heading back towards McCarthy who wasn't there... the keeper turned and grabbed the ball right on the line... over the line... I honestly thought it was in, but I was on the halfway line. Only McCarthy will know!

Up to that point, the hosts hadn't offered much in front of goal but now they upped the ante – Bennett with a powerful drive, well blocked by Valero. A break for the Badgers, well worked, Walker in space – his shot cannoned back off the bar, Palmier's rebound from a tight angle blocked.

32 minutes, Fareham's best move to date, a flying run down the wing from Sibley, great cross, Charlie Cooper in far too much space 8 yards out – magnificent save Jordi Valero. Then Sibley with a cross-shot which missed everyone and rolled just wide... and finally, 4 minutes from the interval, the equaliser. McGrath seemed to be fouled on the edge of the Fareham box, nothing given (not for the first time), but from there it was far too easy, and Dan SIBLEY must have run 20 yards unchallenged before an angled shot which Valero reached but couldn't keep out.

And then two minutes into overtime, Joe RYAN controlled a loose ball and smashed it into the top corner from just outside the box, and the hosts had turned things around before the break.

Work to do for the Badgers, then.

HT 2-1

Sibley with another cross through the box for the hosts which evaded everyone, but then a golden chance to level up, McGrath beat his defender on the left and ran most of the way across the box before unleashing a fierce shot, McCarthy could only parry and Toby Colmer was on his own about 10 yards out, time to control the ball: but his shot was too close to the keeper and brilliantly saved.

Two minutes later, a Brock corner which wasn't cleared and bounced around in the box but nobody could get a clean shot on it... wind taken out of the Badger sails on the hour mark when captain Toby Bailey was sinbinned, there didn't seem to be a particular flare-point but probably just a build-up of frustration. Fareham didn't take advantage of the extra man, although Ridge hooked just wide of the near post when he might have done better... and Brock had their own chances, Drake with an unchallenged header over from a corner and then another of those golden chances, McGrath slipped Walker through but McCarthy managed to make a fine sprawling save.

On 77 the Creeksiders wrapped it up with a neat move, Paul in acres of space down the right, via Ridge to sub Stan BRIDGMAN, fine finish, fine goal, 3-1. He nearly added a second shortly after, but was denied by an outstanding Valero save... then another fine block from a Newman shot... but Fareham's game management was no better than Brock's, and there more good chances for the visitors, sub Chika Ugwumba found McGrath ten yards out but he blazed over... then a cross fractionally too high for McGrath who couldn't get enough power on his header, tipped over by McCarthy... 3 minutes to go, a powerful shot from – yes, that man again McGrath, hit Bennett and rolled agonisingly wide of the near post... and into overtime, another Ugwumba cross, keeper dropped it, McGrath placed his shot over.

FT 3-1

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION STURMINSTER NEWTON UNITED 2-2 HAMWORTHY RECREATION

John Hutchings was pitchside

A goal four minutes from time earned Rec a point, in the Dorset derby, with Stur Newton. In fact, a point was the least Rec deserved. After a lack-lustre first half which saw them trail by one goal at the break, acting manager, Ryan Andress, made a bold change to a 4-5-1 system for the second half, which proved successful, with Rec equalising early on. They then failed to press home the advantage, when on top and paid the price when the hosts went ahead again, on 77 minutes. But that late goal salvaged a point.



HT 1-0 [Photo above reproduced courtesy of Roger Allen]

The change of formation sparked more life into Rec and they equalised on 51 minutes. Midfielder, Aaron ROBERTS, playing his 100th game for the club showed good control inside the area and tried his luck - his shot bouncing past Crane, in the home goal, for 1-1.

Ollie Davies' free-kick was then saved by Crane, before Tyler Rudd chased a seemingly lost cause, but won the ball and shot inches past the far post, as Rec looked the more likely side. Rudd was unlucky again, when he burst into the box and crashed his shot against the post, before Sean Wright saw his header saved. On 77 minutes and against the run of play, Stur re-took the lead. Rec switched off as a long throw found LANE-LENEY, who cleverly hooked the ball beyond Murphy, to score, what looked likely to be the winner. But Rec came again, with Chris Long heading a cross wide, before, on 86m the same player did well to guide the ball to DAVIES to fire past Crane.

Rec went for the winner and nearly got it when Jake Dove's cross found debutant, Harrison Taylor, only for him to blaze over the bar.

FT 2-2

A point for Rec, but it could have been three with better finishing.

The first half saw Rec look the better side, early on, but not creating any chances and Stur came into the game, with the dangerous Hart heading a decent chance over the bar, before Hall's shot suffered the same fate.

But on 33 minutes, the Cherries, in their first season in Wessex Premier, took the lead. Hall set up Jackson-Collis, whose shot was beaten away by Rec keeper, Shane Murphy, with the ball eventually falling for HART to fire in, off the post.

FIXTURES 2026/27

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

Tuesday 25 August

Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round

Hartley Wintney v Baffins Milton Rovers

Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round Replay

Tadley Calleva v Hamble Club

Hampshire Senior Cup First Round

Andover New Street v Millbrook

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round

Bashley v Romsey Town

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup 2nd Round

Hamworthy United v New Milton Town

Premier Division

Horndean v Cowes Sports

Hythe & Dibden v Sherborne Town

Laverstock & Ford v Sturminster Newton United

Division One

Ringwood Town v Blandford United

Totton & Eling v Lymington Town

Wednesday 26 August

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Whitchurch United

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Hedge End Rangers v Waterlooville AFC

Friday 28 August

Premier Division

Downton v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Saturday 29 August

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round

Sturminster Newton United v Lymington Town

Premier Division

Bashley v Brockenhurst

Bournemouth Poppies v Christchurch

East Cowes Vics v Hamble Club

Fareham Town v Cowes Sports

Fleetlands v Baffins Milton Rovers

Millbrook v Hythe & Dibden

Petersfield Town v Horndean

Sherborne Town v Andover New Street

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Kintbury Rangers

Ash United v Sandhurst Town

Colden Common v Folland Sports

Cove v Frimley Green

Hamworthy United v Blandford United

Hedge End Rangers v Newport (IOW)

New Milton Town v Amesbury Town

Ringwood Town v Totton & Eling
Romsey Town v Fawley AFC
Whitchurch United v Alresford Town

Tuesday 1 September

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round

Christchurch v Totton & Eling

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Fleetlands
Brockenhurst v Sturminster Newton United
Cowes Sports v Baffins Milton Rovers
East Cowes Vics v Hythe & Dibden
Horndean v Fareham Town
Millbrook v Bournemouth Poppies
Petersfield Town v Laverstock & Ford

Division One

Alresford Town v AFC Aldermaston
Folland Sports v Hedge End Rangers
Frimley Green v Colden Common
Kintbury Rangers v Amesbury Town
Newport (IOW) v Fawley AFC
Romsey Town v New Milton Town
Sandhurst Town v Cove

Wednesday 2 September

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Downton

Saturday 5 September

Emirates FA Cup First Round Qualifying

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round

Bournemouth Poppies v Kintbury Rangers

Premier Division

Bashley v Bemerton Heath H'quins
Brockenhurst v Horndean
Cowes Sports v Christchurch
Hamble Club v Sherborne Town
Hamworthy Recreation v Petersfield Town
Hythe & Dibden v Downton
Sturminster Newton United v East Cowes Vics

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Folland Sports
Amesbury Town v Newport (IOW)
Ash United v Totton & Eling
Blandford United v Frimley Green
Cove v Ringwood Town
Fawley AFC v Whitchurch United
Hedge End Rangers v New Milton Town
Lymington Town v Colden Common
Romsey Town v Alresford Town
Sandhurst Town v Hamworthy United

Tuesday 8 September

Berks & Bucks Senior Cup First Round

Kintbury Rangers v Wantage Town
Sandhurst Town v Woodley United
Wokingham Town v AFC Aldermaston

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup 2nd Round

Downton v Fleetlands
Fawley AFC v East Cowes Vics
Millbrook v Horndean
Newport (IOW) v Folland Sports

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Hamworthy Recreation
Baffins Milton Rovers v Hamble Club
Bashley v Cowes Sports
Bemerton Heath H'quins v Laverstock & Ford
Christchurch v Sherborne Town
Fareham Town v Petersfield Town
Sturminster Newton United v Bournemouth

Division One

Totton & Eling v Romsey Town

Wednesday 9 September

Division One

New Milton Town v Lymington Town

Thursday 10 September

Division One

Colden Common v Amesbury Town

Friday 11 September

FA Vase Second Round Qualifying

Hedge End Rangers v Totton & Eling

Saturday 12 September

FA Vase Second Round Qualifying

AFC Aldermaston v Newent Town
Baffins Milton Rovers v New Milton Town
Cowes Sports v Christchurch
East Cowes Vics v Fleetlands
Fawley AFC v Ash United
Frimley Green v Brockenhurst
Pagham v Newport (IOW)
Petersfield Town v Andover New Street
Ringwood Town v Hamworthy United
Romsey Town v Bournemouth Poppies
Sandhurst Town v Carterton
Sherborne Town v Blandford United
Whitchurch United v Midhurst & Easebourne

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath H'quins v Hamworthy Rec
Downton v Horndean
Fareham Town v Bashley
Hamble Club v Hythe & Dibden
Millbrook v Laverstock & Ford

Division One

Alresford Town v Lymington Town
Folland Sports v Amesbury Town
Kintbury Rangers v Colden Common

Tuesday 15 September

Premier Division

Fleetlands v Cowes Sports [19:30]
Andover New Street v Hythe & Dibden
Bashley v Baffins Milton Rovers
Bournemouth v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Hamble Club v Petersfield Town
Hamworthy Recreation v Christchurch

Division One

Ash United v Alresford Town
Lymington Town v Blandford United
Romsey Town v Newport (IOW)
Totton & Eling v Folland Sports

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Select Generation v Millbrook [at Millbrook]

Wednesday 16 September

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Frimley Green
New Milton Town v Ringwood Town

Saturday 19 September

Emirates FA Cup Second Round Qualifying

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round

Sherborne Town v AFC Aldermaston

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v Sturminster Newton
Bashley v Fleetlands
Bournemouth Poppies v Fareham Town
Christchurch v Hamble Club
Cowes Sports v Andover New Street
Hamworthy Recreation v Downton
Horndean v Millbrook
Hythe & Dibden v Bemerton Heath H'quins
Laverstock & Ford v East Cowes Vics
Petersfield Town v Brockenhurst

Division One

Amesbury Town v Ringwood Town
Ash United v Newport (IOW)
Colden Common v Fawley AFC
Cove v Kintbury Rangers
Folland Sports v Blandford United
Frimley Green v Whitchurch United
Lymington Town v Romsey Town
New Milton Town v Sandhurst Town
Totton & Eling v Hamworthy United

Tuesday 22 September

Premier Division

Bournemouth Poppies v Bashley
Downton v Millbrook
Hamble Club v Bemerton Heath H'quins
Horndean v Fleetlands
Laverstock & Ford v Hythe & Dibden

Division One

Cove v Amesbury Town
Ringwood Town v Lymington Town
Sandhurst Town v Frimley Green

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Fawley AFC v Braishfield

Wednesday 23 September

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Brockenhurst

Division One

Whitchurch United v Kintbury Rangers

Saturday 26 September

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round

Brockenhurst v Sandhurst Town

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Bournemouth Poppies
Baffins Milton Rovers v Laverstock & Ford
Bashley v Petersfield Town
Bemerton Heath H'quins v Horndean
East Cowes Vics v Downton
Fareham Town v Sherborne Town
Fleetlands v Hythe & Dibden
Hamworthy Recreation v Cowes Sports
Millbrook v Christchurch
Sturminster Newton United v Hamble Club

Division One

Alresford Town v New Milton Town
Amesbury Town v Hedge End Rangers
Blandford United v Whitchurch United
Colden Common v Totton & Eling
Fawley AFC v Cove
Hamworthy United v Folland Sports
Lymington Town v AFC Aldermaston
Newport (IOW) v Frimley Green
Ringwood Town v Ash United
Romsey Town v Kintbury Rangers

Tuesday 29 September

Premier Division

Cowes Sports v Hamble Club
Downton v Brockenhurst
Fleetlands v Fareham Town
Hythe & Dibden v Horndean
Laverstock & Ford v Andover New Street
Petersfield Town v Baffins Milton Rovers

Division One

Lymington Town v Hamworthy United
Newport (IOW) v New Milton Town
Romsey Town v Ringwood Town

Wednesday 30 September

Hampshire Senior Cup First Round

Royal Navy F.A. v Bournemouth Poppies

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup 2nd Round

Hedge End Rangers v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Alresford Town

FA YOUTH CUP - 2026/27

Preliminary Round

Alton	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins [1 September]
Bashley	v	AFC Portchester
Gosport Borough	v	Fareham Town [31 August]
Hamworthy Recreation	v	Millbrook
Portland United	v	Hamble Club
Shaftesbury	v	Bournemouth
Sholing	v	Christchurch [31 August]
Wimborne Town	v	Petersfield Town

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FA WOMENS CUP - 2026/27

Preliminary Round [Tomorrow, Sunday 23 August]

Bournemouth Manor	v	Andover New Street
Finchampstead	v	Whitchurch United

2011 AND THE TALE OF TWO VERY DIFFERING CUP TIES

In 2011/12 Chelsea beat Liverpool to win the FA Cup at Wembley before 90,000 spectators. Much earlier in the Competition that season, Whitchurch United, then in the Wessex League Division One, defeated Bemerton Heath Harlequins, Brading Town and Brockenhurst to reach the Third Qualifying Round for the first and only time in their history *writes John Gorman*.

Their reward was a home tie against Gloucester City, who were to finish the season in 14th place in the Football Conference North, considerably higher than their hosts in the football pyramid. With the preponderance of Conference clubs in the south, Gloucester's regular season trips included Workington, Colwyn Bay and Blyth Spartans so the 140-mile round trip to North Hampshire was a walk in the park.

Whitchurch put a lot of work into their preparations for the tie and the estimated crowd of 350/400 included the local Mayor and Mayoress with the former subsequently becoming a regular at Longmeadow. On a very hot afternoon the visitors missed a penalty in the first half, saved by keeper Dan Magee, but two goals early in the second half killed any hopes of a giant killing. Gloucester were superb on the day off the field as well, accepted the facilities and mixed easily in the clubhouse after the game.

They beat Truro City in the next round before losing to Chelmsford City in a replay. Whitchurch in turn looked back on the biggest game in their history, rivalled only by reaching the final of the Hampshire Intermediate Cup in 1954 – but that is a different story.....

A fortnight later on a slightly more parochial level the Hampshire Senior Cup had commenced for the season and the First Round draw paired Brading Town from the Isle of Wight with Rozel Rovers from the lovely island of Jersey. The Romans were then members of our Premier Division – they were to be relegated at the end of the season - whilst their opponents were in second place in the Jersey Championship, the second level of football on the Island.

And fifteen years down the line Rozel still play at the same level on the same neat ground - though it is not the easiest to find. It was one of the grounds used in the Island Games in 2015 with the Isle of Wight defeating Hitra (an island off Norway) 3-1. Brading produced a very smart programme for the game though it was sadly lacking in information – nothing about the visitors, not even their line up!

The Hampshire Senior Cup game did not linger in the memory. The Channel Islanders won 2-1 and returned to Hampshire in the next round when they lost 2-0 at Romsey Town. Two further points about the afternoon. The game was refereed by Sam Ogles who subsequently progressed to the Football League line (one of many Wessex League Officials who have reached that level) and one wonders how Rozel made the return journey from Brading and how long it all took. Attempts to find out prior to penning this piece stalled because there is nobody at the club in Jersey now who was there at the time - but it was fifteen years ago!! The magic of the Cup!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE – SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

RESULTS

Tuesday 18 August

Ascot United 3-3 Kingstonian
 Ashford Town (Middlesex) 4-0 Binfield
 Harrow Borough 2-2 Southall
 Hartley Wintney 0-2 Egham Town
 Hayes & Yeading United 2-2 Bedfont Sports
 Hendon 7-0 Raynes Park Vale
 Littlehampton Town 1-3 Westfield
 Moneyfields 1-1 Jersey Bulls
 Winchester City 4-1 AFC Stoneham
 Windsor & Eton 1-0 Cobham

Wednesday 19 August

AFC Portchester 0-0 Bognor Regis Town

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Winchester City	3	3	0	0	13	1	12	9	3.000
2	Hendon	2	2	0	0	10	2	8	6	3.000
3	Southall	3	1	2	0	7	5	2	5	1.667
4	Bognor Regis Town	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4	2.000
5	Bedfont Sports	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4	2.000
6	Jersey Bulls	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4	2.000
7	Westfield	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4	1.333
8	Ashford Town (Middlesex)	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3	3.000
9	AFC Portchester	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	3	1.000
10	Windsor & Eton	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3	1.500
11	Egham Town	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3	1.500
12	Raynes Park Vale	2	1	0	1	2	8	-6	3	1.500
13	Kingstonian	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2	1.000
14	Moneyfields	3	0	2	1	4	5	-1	2	0.667
15	Hayes & Yeading United	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	1.000
16	Ascot United	2	0	1	1	4	5	-1	1	0.500
17	Harrow Borough	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1	0.500
18	Cobham	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0	0.000
19	Hartley Wintney	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0	0.000
20	AFC Stoneham	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0	0.000
21	Littlehampton Town	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0	0.000
22	Binfield	2	0	0	2	2	7	-5	0	0.000

SOUTHERN LEAGUE – DIVISION ONE SOUTH

RESULTS

Wednesday 19 August

Slimbridge 2-7 Swindon Supermarine

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Swindon Supermarine	3	3	0	0	9	2	7	9	3.000
2	Weymouth	3	3	0	0	10	2	6	9	3.000
3	Westbury United	2	2	0	0	3	1	2	6	3.000
4	Dorchester Town	3	2	0	1	6	7	-1	6	2.000
5	Hungerford Town	3	1	1	1	5	1	2	4	1.333
6	Tiverton Town	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	4	1.333
7	Shaftesbury	3	1	0	2	8	1	3	3	1.000
8	Worcester Raiders	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	3	3.000
9	Melksham Town	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	3.000
10	Willand Rovers	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	1.500
11	Bishop's Cleeve	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	1.500
12	Bristol Manor Farm	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	1.000
13	Exmouth Town	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1.000
14	Sporting Club Inkberrow	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1.000
15	Portland United	2	0	1	1	1	0	-1	1	0.500
16	Bideford	2	0	1	1	3	7	-5	1	0.500
17	Barnstaple Town	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0	0.000
18	Falmouth Town	2	0	0	2	1	2	-2	0	0.000
19	Paulton Rovers	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0	0.000
20	Larkhall Athletic	2	0	0	2	3	3	-3	0	0.000
21	Hartpury	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0	0.000
22	Slimbridge	1	0	0	1	2	0	-5	0	0.000

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 18 August

Bournemouth Electric 1-1 Bournemouth Sports
 Cobham Sports 4-0 Hamworthy Recreation Res
 Gillingham Town 2-4 Sherborne Town Reserves
 Holt United 5-1 Hamworthy United Reserves
 Westland Sports 2-2 Mere Town

Wednesday 19 August

Portland United Reserves 3-3 Dorchester Sports
 Swanage Town & Herston 4-3 Verwood Town
 Wareham Rangers 2-4 Wimborne Town Reserves

Saturday 22 August

Balti Sports 6-2 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves
 Bournemouth Electric 3-1 Westland Sports
 Bournemouth Sports 3-6 Dorchester Sports
 Holt United 4-0 Mere Town
 Portland United Res 5-0 Hamworthy United Res
 Swanage Town & Herston 1-1 Cobham Sports
 Verwood Town 2-2 Sherborne Town Reserves
 Wimborne Town Reserves 1-3 Gillingham Town

FIXTURES

Saturday 29 August

Balti Sports v Mere Town
 Bournemouth Sports v Wimborne Town Reserves
 Cobham Sports v Portland United Reserves
 Dorchester Sports v Hamworthy Recreation Reserves
 Gillingham Town v Swanage Town & Herston
 Holt United v Sherborne Town Reserves
 Verwood Town v Hamworthy United Reserves
 Wareham Rangers v Bournemouth Electric

TABLE

POS	DORSET PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Holt United	5	4	0	1	15	7	8	12	2.400
2	Bournemouth Electric	5	3	2	0	13	4	9	11	2.200
3	Cobham Sports	5	3	2	0	13	4	9	11	2.200
4	Dorchester Sports	4	3	1	0	14	7	7	10	2.500
5	Swanage Town & Herston	5	3	1	1	14	10	4	10	2.000
6	Gillingham Town	5	3	0	2	17	12	5	9	1.800
7	Sherborne Town Reserves	4	2	2	0	12	8	4	8	2.000
8	Balti Sports	4	2	0	2	15	11	4	6	1.500
9	Westland Sports	5	1	3	1	11	11	0	6	1.200
10	Wimborne Town Reserves	5	2	0	3	13	15	-2	6	1.200
11	Hamworthy United Reserves	5	2	0	3	11	19	-8	6	1.200
12	Verwood Town	5	1	2	2	10	12	-2	5	1.000
13	Bournemouth Sports	5	1	1	3	14	14	0	4	0.800
14	Portland United Reserves	4	1	1	2	8	8	0	4	1.000
15	Wareham Rangers	4	1	0	3	8	13	-5	3	0.750
16	Mere Town	5	0	1	4	5	18	-13	1	0.200
17	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	5	0	0	5	3	23	-20	0	0.000

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Wednesday 19 August

Meon Milton 4-1 US Portsmouth

Southsea Sports 2-1 Denmead

Saturday 22 August

Blackfield & Langley 1-1 Moneyfields Reserves

Liphook United 0-5 Hook

Meon Milton 1-2 Locks Heath

Southsea Sports 1-4 AFC Shirley

US Portsmouth 2-0 Overton United

Whitehill & Bordon 3-1 Broughton

It is with great sadness and regret that I have to inform you of the passing of Dave Smith.

Dave was a true football man who gave exceptional service to local football over many years as a Referee and Administrator, he was currently President of the Hampshire Premier League. On behalf of the Wessex League, we extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Whitehill & Bordon	6	5	0	1	10	6	4	15	2.500
2	Hook	5	4	1	0	21	11	10	13	2.600
3	AFC Shirley	4	4	0	0	12	3	9	12	3.000
4	Southsea Sports	6	4	0	2	11	9	2	12	2.000
5	Moneyfields Reserves	4	3	1	0	14	5	9	10	2.500
6	Blackfield & Langley	5	2	2	1	7	7	0	8	1.600
7	US Portsmouth	6	2	0	4	11	16	-5	6	1.000
8	Liphook United	5	2	0	3	7	12	-5	6	1.200
9	Liss Athletic	3	1	1	1	4	3	1	4	1.333
10	AFC Netley	4	1	1	2	6	6	0	4	1.000
11	Meon Milton	5	1	1	3	8	10	-2	4	0.800
12	Overton United	3	1	0	2	5	4	1	3	1.000
13	Locks Heath	3	1	0	2	4	7	-3	3	1.000
14	Crofton Saints	4	1	0	3	3	6	-3	3	0.750
15	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	4	1	0	3	10	14	-4	3	0.750
16	Broughton	4	1	0	3	5	11	-6	3	0.750
17	Denmead	5	0	1	4	4	12	-8	1	0.200

FIXTURES

Monday 24 August

Crofton Saints v Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Tuesday 25 August

Moneyfields Reserves v Liss Athletic

Thursday 27 August

US Portsmouth v AFC Netley

Saturday 29 August

Bishops Waltham Dynamos v Meon Milton

Blackfield & Langley v Broughton

Denmead v Locks Heath

Liphook United v Overton United

Whitehill & Bordon v Hook

WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 18 August

Bishops Cannings 3-1 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

Faringdon Town 2-1 Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development

Hungerford Town Development 5-0 Fairford Town Reserves

Pewsey Vale 0-3 Larkhall Athletic Development

Shrewton United 0-1 Trowbridge Town

Wednesday 19 August

Park United 4-0 Bradford Town Reserves

Shrivenham 6-0 Down Ampney

Wroughton 1-5 Purton Kingsdown

Saturday 22 August

Bishops Cannings 2-5 Purton Kingsdown

Down Ampney 2-3 Pewsey Vale

Fairford Town Reserves 0-3 Larkhall Athletic Development

Melksham Town Reserves 2-1 Park United

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development 3-0 Hungerford Town Development

Shrewton United 8-0 Bradford Town Reserves

Shrivenham 1-1 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

Wroughton 2-4 Trowbridge Town

TABLE

POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Shrivenham	5	4	1	0	21	3	18	13	2.600
2	Larkhall Athletic Development	4	3	1	0	12	4	8	10	2.500
3	Shrewton United	5	3	0	2	16	3	13	9	1.800
4	Melksham Town Reserves	4	3	0	1	10	5	5	9	2.250
5	Faringdon Town	4	3	0	1	11	8	3	9	2.250
6	Purton Kingsdown	5	2	2	1	13	8	5	8	1.600
7	Park United	5	2	2	1	10	6	4	8	1.600
8	Trowbridge Town	4	2	2	0	8	5	3	8	2.000
9	Bishops Cannings	4	2	0	2	9	13	-4	6	1.500
10	Pewsey Vale	5	2	0	3	7	16	-9	6	1.200
11	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development	5	1	2	2	7	7	0	5	1.000
12	Hungerford Town Development	5	1	2	2	12	13	-1	5	1.000
13	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves	3	1	1	1	8	4	4	4	1.333
14	Devizes Town Reserves	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4	1.333
15	Down Ampney	5	1	1	3	7	13	-6	4	0.800
16	Fairford Town Reserves	4	0	1	3	1	12	-11	1	0.250
17	Wroughton	4	0	0	4	3	17	-14	0	0.000
18	Bradford Town Reserves	4	0	0	4	2	19	-17	0	0.000

FIXTURES

Tuesday 25 August

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development v Park United
Devizes Town Reserves v Faringdon Town
Fairford Town Reserves v Down Ampney

Wednesday 26 August

Wroughton v Bishops Cannings
Hungerford Town Development v Shrivenham
Pewsey Vale v Trowbridge Town

Saturday 29 August

Faringdon Town v Fairford Town Reserves
Hungerford Town Development v Down Ampney
Melksham Town Reserves v Bradford Town Reserves
Park United v Bishops Cannings
Pewsey Vale v Wroughton
Shrewton United v Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

RESULTS

Wednesday 19 August

Under 23 East Division

Fleetlands 4-1 Whiteley Wanderers

Thursday 20 August

Under 23 Premier Division

Ringwood Town 1-1 AFC Totton

Under 23 West Division

Fawley AFC 2-3 Totton & Eling

Saturday 22 August

John Stimpson Memorial Shield First Round

Brockenhurst v Meon Milton [Away walkover]

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Second Round

Hythe & Dibden 1-3 Crofton Saints

Premier Division

Clanfield 0-4 Pagham

Division One

Bishops Waltham Dynamos 1-1 Fawley AFC

Denmead 1-4 Hedge End Rangers

Nursling & Shirley 0-0 Clanfield Development

TABLES

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pagham	2	2	0	0	12	0	12	6
2	Laverstock & Ford	1	1	0	0	7	2	5	3
3	Liss Athletic	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
4	Meon Milton	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
5	AFC Stoneham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Brockenhurst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Downton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Petersfield Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Hythe & Dibden	1	0	0	1	0	8	-8	0
10	Clanfield	2	0	0	2	2	11	-9	0

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Clanfield Development	2	1	1	0	3	0	3	4
2	Hedge End Rangers	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
3	Fawley AFC	2	0	2	0	4	4	0	2
4	AFC Netley	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
5	Bishops Waltham Dynamos A	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
6	Nursling & Shirley	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
7	Alresford Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Crofton Saints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Denmead	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

FIXTURES

Monday 24 August

Under 23 Premier Division

Poole Town v Fareham Town

Wednesday 26 August

Under 23 Premier Division

Dorchester Town v AFC Totton

Under 23 East Division

Fleetlands v Baffins Milton Rovers

Hayling United v Andover New Street

Under 23 West Division

Fawley AFC v Laverstock & Ford

New Milton Town v Bashley

Verwood Town v Totton & Eling

Thursday 27 August

Under 23 Premier Division

Winchester City v Hamble Club

There are no fixtures for Saturday 29 August.

THE LAST WORD

I am still trying to find the dates for these five League matches does anyone happen to know them please.

1989-1990 Christchurch 0-0 Sholing Sports
 1989-1990 Folland Sports 0-3 Havant Town
 1994-1995 Aerostructures S&S 1-2 Swanage Town & Herston
 1994-1995 BAT Sports 4-2 Brockenhurst
 1994-1995 Brockenhurst 1-0 Horndean

I am delighted to inform you that the League has secured a three year sponsorship of the Wessex League Cup with Fareham based Industrial Boiler Services, we are extremely grateful to Tony Seve and his fellow Directors for their generous support.

Moving forward the Competition will be known as the **INDUSTRIAL BOILER'S WESSEX LEAGUE CUP**
 Advertising logos and Company information will follow in due course.

Congratulations to our four teams who progressed on their "Road to Wembley" this afternoon; Andover New Street, Fleetlands, Laverstock & Ford and Millbrook. Commiserations to Downton and Petersfield Town. Hamble Club try again on Tuesday in a replay at Tadley Calleva after a goalless draw this afternoon, and finally due to pitch issues the Baffins Milton Rovers game against Harley Wintney was postponed today. They travel to the north Hampshire outfit for their tie, also this Tuesday. Good luck to both our teams. The draw for the First Round Qualifying should be available around lunchtime Monday. Fingers crossed for all our teams.

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	Sturminster Newton United	5	3	1	1	11	5	6	10	2.000
2	Fareham Town	3	3	0	0	6	2	4	9	3.000
3	Hamworthy Recreation	4	2	2	0	9	5	4	8	2.000
4	Sherborne Town	5	2	2	1	7	6	1	8	1.600
5	Andover New Street	4	2	1	1	5	3	2	7	1.750
6	Downton	4	2	1	1	9	9	0	7	1.750
7	Hamble Club	4	1	3	0	7	6	1	6	1.500
8	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	4	2	0	2	6	6	0	6	1.500
9	Brockenhurst	4	2	0	2	5	7	-2	6	1.500
10	Petersfield Town	3	1	1	1	6	5	1	4	1.333
11	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4	2.000
12	Fleetlands	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4	2.000
13	Horndean	2	1	0	1	4	2	2	3	1.500
14	Baffins Milton Rovers	2	1	0	1	4	4	0	3	1.500
15	Cowes Sports	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3	1.500
16	Millbrook	2	1	0	1	2	2	0	3	1.500
17	Hythe & Dibden	5	1	0	4	5	8	-3	3	0.600
18	Laverstock & Ford	3	0	2	1	5	6	-1	2	0.667
19	Bournemouth Poppies	4	0	1	3	2	9	-7	1	0.250
20	Bashley	2	0	0	2	0	3	-3	0	0.000
21	Christchurch	4	0	0	4	6	13	-7	0	0.000

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	New Milton Town	4	4	0	0	14	3	11	12	3.000
2	Amesbury Town	5	3	2	0	12	7	5	11	2.200
3	Sandhurst Town	5	3	1	1	14	5	9	10	2.000
4	Fawley AFC	5	3	1	1	7	5	2	10	2.000
5	Frimley Green	5	3	0	2	13	6	7	9	1.800
6	Whitchurch United	5	2	2	1	10	13	-3	8	1.600
7	Hedge End Rangers	4	2	1	1	6	6	0	7	1.750
8	Newport (IOW)	2	2	0	0	5	3	2	6	3.000
9	Kintbury Rangers	5	1	3	1	7	9	-2	6	1.200
10	Cove	3	2	0	1	6	8	-2	6	2.000
11	Alresford Town	4	1	2	1	7	7	0	5	1.250
12	Ringwood Town	4	1	2	1	7	7	0	5	1.250
13	AFC Aldermaston	5	1	2	2	6	7	-1	5	1.000
14	Romsey Town	3	1	1	1	6	7	-1	4	1.333
15	Blandford United	3	0	2	1	3	4	-1	2	0.667
16	Hamworthy United	5	0	2	3	8	11	-3	2	0.400
17	Lymington Town	4	0	2	2	2	7	-5	2	0.500
18	Folland Sports	3	0	1	2	5	8	-3	1	0.333
19	Colden Common	3	0	1	2	6	10	-4	1	0.333
20	Ash United	4	0	1	3	1	8	-7	1	0.250
21	Totton & Eling	3	0	0	3	2	6	-4	0	0.000

PHOTO FINISH



Midweek action from Hythe & Dibden (green) in the Premier Division where visitors Baffin Milton Rovers won by the odd goal in three. Thanks to Ian Grainger for sending in the image.



Ian Grainger caught some Friday Night Football at the Arrow Arena, where Folland Sports and Lymington Town (red and white) shared the spoils in a Division One goalless draw.