



WELCOME TO EDITION NUMBER 10 - WEEK ENDING SATURDAY 29 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.

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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.

ALL clubs must include the advert in their programme when they host an Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup game.

PROGRAMME ADVERTS

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.

That for the "Wessex League Football Show" and the "Kick it Out" campaign are no longer **compulsory** for reproduction in club programmes.

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	4,292	21	204.38	-743	474	21,598
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.

We see from the local press that **Newport IOW** have signed the lease for WightFibre Park, securing the club's home ground for years to come.

The club would like to thank South Coast Leisure, Isle of Wight Council, sponsors and volunteers for their support in making this happen. They will be holding a number of test events before opening bookings to Newport's youth groups, other clubs and the local public. But the ground will see competitive Wessex action twice in the next seven days, first up- on Tuesday 1 September, is when Fawley AFC provide the opposition in a Division One fixture with a kick off time of 19:45, and then on Saturday 5 September, it's a 15:00 kick off for the visit of Amesbury Town, also in Division One. Subject to the FA issuing the Stadium Accreditation Certificate.

Staying with the island club, George Holbrook is the latest new member of the Centurion club.

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	5	5	0	0	20	1	19	15	3.000
5. UCS	1	Atherstone Town	6	6	0	0	21	4	17	18	3.000
5. UCS	2	Knowle	5	5	0	0	16	1	15	15	3.000
5. MLP	2	Runcorn Town	4	4	0	0	18	4	14	12	3.000
5. HLP	2	Roman Glass St. George	4	4	0	0	8	1	7	12	3.000
5. SEP	1	Bearsted	3	3	0	0	7	1	6	9	3.000
5. UCS	3	Desborough Town	5	5	0	0	11	5	6	15	3.000
5. WXP	1	Fareham Town	4	4	0	0	8	2	6	12	3.000
5. ESL	3	Frenford	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6	3.000
5. SEP	5	Petts Wood & Holmesdale	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	6	3.000
5. NC1	1	Bishop Auckland	9	8	0	1	24	5	19	24	2.667
5. NCP	3	Worsbrough Bridge Athletic	5	4	1	0	16	4	12	13	2.600
5. UCS	4	St Neots Town	5	4	1	0	11	1	10	13	2.600
5. CCS	1	Fleet Town	5	4	1	0	12	3	9	13	2.600
5. CCS	2	Redhill	5	4	1	0	11	2	9	13	2.600
5. ECP	3	March Town United	5	4	1	0	13	4	9	13	2.600
5. WLP	1	Bridgwater United	5	4	1	0	12	5	7	13	2.600
5. UCS	5	Northampton ON Chenecks	5	4	1	0	10	4	6	13	2.600
5. WLP	2	St Blazey	5	4	1	0	14	8	6	13	2.600
5. SCP	2	Haywards Heath Town	5	4	1	0	8	3	5	13	2.600
5. NCP	1	Bottesford Town	5	5	0	0	20	1	19	15	3.000
League	Pos	STEP 6	PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
6. SWE	1	Elburton Villa	5	5	0	0	24	2	22	15	3.000
6. ML1	1	GNG Oadby Town	7	7	0	0	28	7	21	21	3.000
6. SC1	4	Worthing United	3	3	0	0	18	1	17	9	3.000
6. E1S	1	May & Baker Eastbrook	5	5	0	0	15	1	14	15	3.000
6. UC1	1	Clipstone	6	6	0	0	15	3	12	18	3.000
6. WX1	1	New Milton Town	5	5	0	0	16	4	12	15	3.000
6. SC1	1	AFC Walcountians	4	4	0	0	13	2	11	12	3.000
6. SWE	4	Cullompton Rangers	3	3	0	0	8	0	8	9	3.000
6. SS1	1	Amphill Town	5	5	0	0	10	4	6	15	3.000
6. SE1	3	Staplehurst Monarchs	3	3	0	0	7	2	5	9	3.000
6. WX1	7	Newport (Isle of Wight)	3	3	0	0	9	4	5	9	3.000
6. SE1	7	Hythe Town	2	2	0	0	5	1	4	6	3.000
6. SC1	8	Saltdean United	2	2	0	0	6	3	3	6	3.000
6. NL2	1	Boldon CA	10	9	1	0	25	9	16	28	2.800
6. NCE1	1	Brigg Town	9	8	0	1	20	8	12	24	2.667
6. NW1S	1	AFC Bridgnorth	6	5	1	0	18	7	11	16	2.667
6. NW1N	1	Maghull	8	7	0	1	23	6	17	21	2.625
6. NL2	2	Billingham Town	10	8	2	0	19	6	13	26	2.600
6. E1S	2	Hoddesdon Town	5	4	1	0	13	3	10	13	2.600
6. SS1	2	Eaton Socon	5	4	1	0	16	6	10	13	2.600

STAT ATTACK

TOP FIVE LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION

John McKie	Cowes Sports	4
[six on]		3

DIVISION ONE

Dan Bone	Frimley Green	5
[five on]		4

*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

Downton	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	451	28 August
Sturminster Newton United	vs	Christchurch	402	4 August
Fareham Town	vs	Cowes Sports	261	29 August
Fareham Town	vs	Brockenhurst	255	22 August
Bashley	vs	Hamble Club	253	1 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	Downton	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	8-1	28 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
	Ringwood Town	vs	Totton & Eling	5-0	29 August
	New Milton Town	vs	Cove	6-1	1 August
Away win	Whitchurch United	vs	Sandhurst Town	0-5	5 August

WISH YOU WERE HERE - PORTUGAL (Part 2)

For the second part of this occasional series I have moved north to the city of Porto then west into the Atlantic.

Porto is the second largest city in Portugal of around 300,000 inhabitants but with a metro area of 1.8 million. It is situated on the northern bank of the River Duoro which opens out into the Atlantic Ocean a few kilometres downstream. There is a saying in Portugal that Porto gets up, goes to work, makes things, sells things then Lisbon takes its cut. Despite this Porto is an attractive city with the Dom Luis bridge an iconic landmark.

This section about Porto inevitably revolves around the third of Portugal's super clubs - **F.C. Porto**. But until the end of the 2024/5 season Porto had two Primeira League clubs. At that point Boavista was expelled on financial grounds and last season it fielded a team in the local Porto League. One wonders whether we will see Manchester City playing in the Manchester League any time soon!

Anyway back to Porto - the most successful Portuguese team in recent years. In 2002 Jose Mourinho was appointed coach and, true to his personality, he stated Porto would win the Liga next season and typically

true to his word, he delivered. Mourinho had previously been at the club as one of the coaches under Bobby Robson and the story goes that he acted as Robson's interpreter.

In 2004 Porto won the UEFA Champions League and in the process Mourinho made the knee slide fashionable at Old Trafford before beating Lyon and Deportivo La Coruna to reach the final where they beat Monaco 3-0. It allowed Mourinho to anoint himself the "Special One" as he left after that season to join Chelsea.

Over the years Porto have had many famous players - perhaps the most known by English fans are Deco and Ricardo Carvalho from their time at Chelsea. More recently Pepe who grew from being a rash defender to a commanding presence in his 30s has held centre stage. And currently their goalkeeper Diego Costa is probably the best in world football. However Porto have never been shy of selling its better players and rarely a season goes by without a big money departure - Evanilson (AFC Bournemouth £47m), Nico Gonzalez (Manchester City £60m), Vitinha (PSG £41m) to name but three.

Porto play at the Estadio do Dragau which gives the club its nickname of the Dragoes (Dragons). They are the current champions and the last time they finished outside the top 3 in the League was in 1976. They have 31 League titles and 20 Portuguese Cup wins. The current coach is Francesco Farioli but their President is known to Spurs fans - Andre Villas-Boas.

As I write this piece, early days but sitting on top of the Primeira Liga is **Arouca** who play in the small town of the same name 40 kilometres south east of Porto. They have been members of the Primeira Liga since 2021 and their best place finish has been 5th in 2022/23. Since then they have been comfortably in mid table and last season finished 8th.

They play at the Municipal Stadium in the town which has a capacity of 5,600. Their current Manager is Vasco Seabra who, although still only 42 now, has been coaching at clubs around the Portuguese leagues since 2013. Arouca have never had any international players.

A further 40 kilometres away from Porto, in the same direction as Arouca, lies the city of Viseu and their football team is **Academico de Viseu** who are new kids on the block so far as the Primeira Liga is concerned. They gained promotion as runners up of the Segunda Liga last season. Only 20 years ago they were playing in the fifth tier of Portuguese football but it has been a steady climb which has included 11 seasons in the Second Division.

As might be gathered from the club's name Viseu is a cultural centre but is also famous as a centre for wine making. For their first fixture in the top division they were handed a daunting away trip to Benfica but they came away with a creditable 2-2 draw. They play at the Municipal Stadium which has a capacity just short of 9,000.

Unusually for European top leagues, Portugal has 3 teams from offshore islands. Starting with the furthest distant, the Azores are situated 1400 kilometres from the mainland in the centre of the Atlantic Ocean. They comprise nine volcanic islands and it is on the largest of these (Sao Miguel) that the largest town of Ponta Delgado is situated. Just to the east of the town centre is the Estadio de Sao Miguel which is the home of **Santa Clara**.

The club has had a couple of spells in the Primeira Liga in the last 25 years but have spent much of this time in the Second Division. However they last won promotion in 2023/24 and in the first season back in the top flight finished 5th - their best ever league position. Last season they failed to build on this and finished a disappointing 13th.

Their most famous player was Pauleta who was born locally and started his career at Santa Clara before going on to play for PSG and Bordeaux winning 88 caps for Portugal scoring 47 goals, a record at the time of his retirement.

The other two offshore teams both play in separate stadia in Funchal, the capital of the holiday island of Madeira which is around 1000 kilometres from the mainland. Both teams - **Nacional** and **Maritimo** are something of yo-yo clubs so far as the Primeira League is concerned - the latter getting back its place after winning the Second Division last season.

Before the age of 12, Cristiano Ronaldo was playing in the Nacional academy before going for a trial and signing for Sporting Lisbon. The club has now named its youth training facility after CR7. Like most Portuguese clubs, Nacional operates teams in other sports besides football and they are active in boxing, tennis, triathlon and swimming amongst others. Their stadium is in the mountains in the north of Funchal and is known as the Estadio da Madeira which only has a capacity of 5,200.

On the other hand Maritimo's stadium is located in the centre of Funchal and has double the capacity of Nacional's. Maritimo's female team also play in Portugal's top league. The best ever finish for the men's team is 5th but this season they have started with 2 league wins so you never know.

I have previously mentioned Pepe, the renowned defender, and he started his European career at Maritimo after he left his native Brazil. The former Maritimo player that has made the biggest contribution to English football is Jose Sa the Wolves goalkeeper for several seasons.

For the final journey around Portugal's Primeira Liga, I will feature the six clubs in the extreme north of Portugal.

Many thanks to Roger Allen for the time in putting this story together

HAMPSHIRE SENIOR CUP 2026/27 - SECOND ROUND

AFC Bournemouth v Baffins Milton Rovers
Alresford Town v Aldershot Town
Basingstoke Town v AFC Totton
Brockenhurst v Fareham Town
Eastleigh v Alton
Fleet Town v Tadley Calleva
Folland Sports or Army FA v Farnborough
Gosport Borough v Petersfield Town

Hartley Wintney v Winchester City
Horndean v Hedge End Rangers
Millbrook or Andover New Street v Cowes Sports
Moneyfields v Sholing
Portsmouth v Havant & Waterlooville
Ringwood Town v AFC Stoneham
Royal Navy FA or Bournemouth v AFC Portchester
Southampton v Bashley

RUSSELL-COTES BENEVOLENT CUP 2026/27 - FIRST ROUND

Andover New Street v Locks Heath
Baffins Milton Rovers v Hythe & Dibden
Brockenhurst v Broughton
Clanfield v New Milton Town
Colden Common v Christchurch
Cove v Millbrook
Cowes Sports v Ringwood Town
Fawley AFC v Bashley

Folland Sports v AFC Totton
Hamble Club v United Services Portsmouth
Hedge End Rangers v AFC Stoneham
AFC Shirley [*] v Fareham Town
Liss Athletic v Moneyfields
Lymington Town v AFC Portchester
Romsey Town v Blackfield & Langley
Totton & Eling v Crofton Saints

[*] Hook were originally included in the draw, but for reasons unknown were replaced by AFC Shirley.

SOUTHERN COMBINATION CHALLENGE CUP - 2026/27

Second Round (Guideline is completion by 30 November)

Knaphill v Horley Town
Abbey Rangers v Camberley Town
Kingstonian v Balham
Epsom & Ewell v Molesey
Virginia Water v Cobham
Sheerwater v Cove
Godalming Town v Reading City
Dial Square v Corinthian-Casuals

Third Round (Guideline is completion by 28 February)

- 9 - winner 5 (Virginia Water / Cobham) v winner 1 (Knaphill / Horley Town)
- 10 - winner 3 (Kingstonian / Balham) v winner 4 (Epsom & Ewell / Molesey)
- 11 - winner 2 (Abbey Rangers / Camberley Town) v winner 8 (Dial Square / Corinthian-Casuals)
- 12 - winner 6 (Sheerwater / Cove) v winner 7 (Godalming Town / Reading City)

Semi Final (Guideline is completion by 6 April)

- 13 - winner 11 v winner 12
- 14 - winner 9 v winner 10

Final

The first drawn club (winner 13) to have first refusal to host the tie, provided floodlights are available.

Our only representative in this competition this season are Cove. They start their campaign with a visit to Sheerwater. No **First Round** matches.

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

STEP 5 PPG RANKING

Andover New Street	126
Baffins Milton Rovers	208
Bashley	208
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	169
Bournemouth	248
Brockenhurst	190
Christchurch	303
Cowes Sports	133
Downton	59
East Cowes Victoria Athletic	152
Fareham Town	1
Fleetlands	38
Hamble Club	152
Hamworthy Recreation	59
Horndean	133
Hythe & Dibden	274
Laverstock & Ford	184
Millbrook	59
Petersfield Town	208
Sherborne Town	148
Sturminster Newton United	111

STEP 6 PPG RANKING

AFC Aldermaston	172
Alresford Town	130
Amesbury Town	101
Ash United	312
Blandford United	214
Colden Common	322
Cove	45
Fawley AFC	52
Folland Sports	214
Frimley Green	138
Hamworthy United	318
Hedge End Rangers	163
Kintbury Rangers	214
Lymington Town	214
New Milton Town	1
Newport (Isle of Wight)	1
Ringwood Town	101
Romsey Town	214
Sandhurst Town	101
Totton & Eling	334
Whitchurch United	172

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Premier, EFL & National Leagues - Referee and Assistants appointments for ex-Wessex League officials:

REFEREE

01/09/26. EFL Two - Salford City v Newport County

Matt Russell

ASSISTANT REFEREE

25/08/26 EFL Cup - Nottingham Forest v Leeds United

Alex James

25/08/26 EFL Cup - Sheffield Wednesday v Wolverhampton Wanderers

Jake Topp

27/08/26 National - Boreham Wood v Boston United

Connor Farrell

28/08/26 National - Southend United v Kidderminster Harriers

Tom Holden

29/08/26 Premier - AFC Bournemouth v Everton

Dan Cook

29/08/26 EFL Two - Gillingham v Northampton Town

Karl Sear

29/08/26 EFL One - Stevenage v Doncaster Rovers

Adrian Tranter

30/08/26 Premier - Sunderland v Fulham

Alex James

01/09/26 EFL One - Wycombe Wanderers v Sheffield Wednesday

Declan O'Shea

01/09/26 EFL Two - Northampton Town v Crawley Town

Colman O'Meara

02/09/26 Championship - West Bromwich Albion v Charlton Athletic

Alex James

02/09/26 EFL One - Luton Town v Stockport County

Steve Finch

02/09/26 EFL One - Reading v Mansfield Town

Ross Murphy

FOURTH OFFICIAL

25/08/26 EFL Cup - Cardiff City v Norwich City

Matt Russell

29/08/26 Championship - Wolverhampton Wanderers v Stoke City

Matt Russell

29/08/26 EFL One - Plymouth Argyle v Bradford City

Declan O'Shea

Congratulations to all of them on their appointments.

THE EMIRATES FA CUP FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND PREVIEW

Following last weekend's ties and subsequent replays there are five sides carrying the Wessex League banner into the First Round Qualifying writes *John Gorman*. The ties are scheduled for Saturday 5th September with the winners to collect £2250 and the losers £750.

ANDOVER NEW STREET will make the relatively short trip to Sholing, currently members of the Southern League Premier South in which they finished sixth last season. New Street gained a creditable win over Shaftesbury in the last round while this is their opponent's first tie of the season. New Street have reached this round just once before, losing at Gosport in 2024/25. Sholing's best run was in 2020/21 when they went out to Torquay United in the Fourth Round Qualifying. The last time New Street and Sholing crossed swords was in the Wessex Premier League in 2018/19. It was a very contrasting season for the two clubs with Sholing topping the table and finishing 31 points clear of their nearest rivals. New Street, after a disastrous campaign, finished bottom and were relegated. Street lost both home and away with Sholing scoring six on their own ground. The only Street player from that game still at the club is Shane Lock, at present on the injured list. A very tough task for New Street.

MILLBROOK also came out of the hat on the away side of the draw and have to travel to Taunton Town. This will be only Millbrook's seventh ever game in the FA Cup in just their third season in the Wessex Premier League. To reach this stage they defeated Bradford Town from the Hellenic Premier and then gained a convincing 4-1 win at Downton. Taunton finished in the lower reaches of the Southern Premier League South last season and, as with Sholing, this is their opening tie this time round. Interestingly a recent Manager is Richard Luffman who has managed in the Wessex League. Taunton have a long history of entering the FA Cup and reached the First Round Proper in 2016/17, sharing four goals at home with Barrow before losing the replay by the odd goal in three in Cumbria. It must have been a long journey home! Another tough game for the Wessex team

FLEETLANDS story is very akin to that of Millbrook and both clubs deserve every credit for their overall progress in recent seasons. They have been drawn at home to Cirencester Town from Gloucestershire. This is Fleetlands first season in the Wessex Premier and their first year of entry into the FA Cup. They defeated Southern League Paulton Rovers in Somerset to start their journey and then scored three without reply against Yateley United to set up this tie. After countless seasons in the Southern League, Cirencester dropped into the Hellenic League in 2024/25, presumably through choice, as their points total did not suggest relegation. They defeated near neighbours Hartpury in the Extra Preliminary Round. Both clubs have made a strong start to the season but this is a good chance for Fleetlands to progress.

LAVERSTOCK & FORD were forced to wait to find out their opponents as a replay was necessary for Tadley Calleva to progress. They moved from the Wessex League to the Combined Counties in 2021 and were runners up in the Premier South Division last season. They also reached the Second Qualifying Round last season, beating Weymouth on the way. Laverstock had a routine six goal win over Eversley & California before scoring twice without reply at Petersfield. They have twice reached the Second Qualifying Round, losing to Salisbury and Taunton and will now be looking to make that three but Tadley are tough opponents particularly at home.

BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS defeated fellow Wessex League side Sherborne to qualify for a tie with Isthmian League side Hartley Wintney. The Portsmouth side did not join the Wessex League until 2016, won promotion to the Premier Division in their first season and have finished in the top ten every year since. They have reached this stage twice before, losing to Winchester City and Plymouth Parkway and now entertain Slimbridge from Gloucestershire, famous for Peter Scott's Swannery.. The club were playing in Gloucester football as recently as 2009 and are now back in the Southern League after three seasons in the Hellenic. They have reached the Second Round Qualifying twice but not since 2016 and in the competition this season they have beaten Combined Counties side Burnham and Milton Keynes Irish from the Southern League, the latter on penalties. This is a good chance for Baffins to progress.

Good luck to all our sides and to the two who left us last season. Portland United travel to AFC Portchester while AFC Stoneham are away to Basingstoke Town.

RESULTS ROUNDUP

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



Tuesday 25 August

Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round

Baffins Milton Rovers	1-0	Hartley Wintney	167
<i>Beau Mullins 63 pen</i>			

Emirates FA Cup Preliminary Round Replay

Tadley Calleva	3-1	Hamble Club	157
<i>Nathan Smart 43</i>		<i>Nick Yeomans 24</i>	
<i>Ed Scott 58</i>			
<i>Charlie Barlow 90</i>			

Hampshire Senior Cup First Round

Andover New Street	4-1	Millbrook	155
<i>Greg Peel [2]</i>		<i>Bobby Gorman</i>	
<i>George Higgins</i>			
<i>Malachi Dotse</i>			

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round

Bashley	1-0	Romsey Town	199
<i>Jack Lovell</i>			

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Second Round

Hamworthy United	0-2	New Milton Town	92
		<i>Niall Dixon 39</i>	
		<i>Oli Lowes 59</i>	

Premier Division

Horndean	0-1	Cowes Sports	122
		<i>John McKie 42</i>	
Hythe & Dibden	0-0	Sherborne Town	96
Laverstock & Ford	2-0	Sturminster Newton United	163

Devon Arnold 64

Rich Cooper 90+2

Division One

Ringwood Town	1-0	Blandford United	112
<i>Zack Bennett 90+3</i>			
Totton & Eling	2-3	Lymington Town	164
<i>Ilyas Sowton</i>		<i>Harrison Fay [3]</i>	

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Wednesday 26 August**Southampton Senior Cup First Round**

Hedge End Rangers	5-0	Waterlooville AFC	159
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*Jake Gould 6**Tom Nichols 20**Jamie White 31 pen**Harvey McLean 68**Ellis Snell 87***Friday 28 August****Premier Division**

Downton	8-1	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	451
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*Owen Fee 6 pen**Max Wilcock 27, 44, 78**Ronan Clancy 45**OG 45+5**Cameron Beard 53**Ben Moss 90+3***Saturday 29 August****Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round**

Sturminster Newton United	1-0	Lymington Town	195
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*Elliot Bevis***Premier Division**

Bashley	4-2	Brockenhurst	252
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*Fin Richardson 24**Luke Delaney 33**Jack Lovell 90**Joe Freak 90+3*

Bournemouth Poppies

Harry Smith

East Cowes Victoria

*OG 45+1**Toby Snow 67*

Fareham Town

*Dan Sibley**Sam Paul*

Fleetlands

*Brad Snelling 58**Matt Dougan 82*

Millbrook

*Archie Greenough [2]**Tommy Wright*

Petersfield Town

George Bowerman 38

Sherborne Town

*Alex Murphy 84***Division One**

AFC Aldermaston

*Anthony Bossman 38**Mickael Vaisset 43**Alieu Manneh 67*

		Christchurch	90
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		Hamble Club	162
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*Jack Francis 36 pen**Ethan Jones 51*

		Cowes Sports	261
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		Baffins Milton Rovers	65
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		Hythe & Dibden	51
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		Horndean	205
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*Jordan Sullivan 30**Marvin Orepo 33*

		Andover New Street	104
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Ollie Erdinc 7

		Kintbury Rangers	50
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Ollie Denner 90+3

Ash United <i>Minhaz Chowdhury 64</i>	1-1	Sandhurst Town <i>Tiago Moreno</i>	82
Colden Common <i>Cam Stone</i>	1-3	Folland Sports <i>Jo Sutherden [2]</i> <i>Landon Carmichael</i>	30
Cove <i>Harvey Everard</i>	1-0	Frimley Green	105
Hamworthy United	0-1	Blandford United <i>Jimmy Fry 45+2</i>	91
Hedge End Rangers <i>[Not provided by club]</i>	1-4	Newport (IOW) <i>Jordan Browne 2</i> <i>Joe Butcher 24</i> <i>Ji Nash 44</i> <i>Connor Kelly 67</i>	70
New Milton Town <i>Joe Roberts 65</i> <i>Callum Clarke 75</i>	2-1	Amesbury Town <i>Callum Sweeney 58</i>	165
Ringwood Town <i>Ben Bradwell [3]</i> <i>Riley Claxton</i> <i>Ted Bignell</i>	5-0	Totton & Eling	34
Romsey Town <i>Tom Woodward 65</i>	1-3	Fawley AFC <i>Alex Sawyer</i> <i>Jesse Oshitola</i> <i>Luke Dixon</i>	142
Whitchurch United <i>[Not provided by club]</i>	1-3	Alresford Town <i>Billy Grimes</i> <i>James Tennant [2]</i>	101

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 25 AUGUST- INDUSTRIAL BOILER'S WESSEX LEAGUE CUP SECOND ROUND HAMWORTHY UNITED 0-2 NEW MILTON TOWN

Tony Beck was pitchside

After Hamworthy United's hard-fought comeback at Kintbury on Saturday under the newly appointed management team of Tom Lanham and assistant Chris Whalen, tonight's cup fixture against New Milton Town was always going to be a very stern test. Their New Forest visitors were flying high at the top of league with maximum points from their four games The Hammers meanwhile were still seeking their first league win, despite having some battling performances. With a number of their core players resting knocks ahead of more important games, four changes were made from the weekend, including Brandon Williams, now with Holt United, who returned to help out.

Despite both teams giving it their all, actual early chances were minimal, with neither goalkeeper having too much to do. The "Brickies" always looked a threat with their build-ups from the right, but when the crosses came in, they were easily snuffed out.

On 28 minutes Ryan Knibbs installed confidence in his defence by cleanly claiming Freddie Franklin's corner. The Hammers' first real shot on target came in the 35th minute, when a good breaking move finally found Williams who was well placed in front of goal. However, his shot to the bottom left-hand corner was well diverted into touch by the Town stopper Lloyd Thomas. New Milton finally broke the deadlock on 39

minutes. Freddie Franklin drove down the left before sending over a cross that was nicely tucked home just inside the far post by Niall DIXON. The Hammers responded positively with a couple of near misses just before the break.

HT 0-1

At the start of the second-half United again came out of the blocks showing grit. An early hard low cross by Jack Kinge-Phillips just needed a touch, but somehow evaded two players. The away team was forced to concede a number of free kicks, some meriting yellow cards, to break up some promising moves. However, the Hammers' task to save the match was to become a lot harder on 59 minutes after a remarkable goal, essentially coming out of nothing. Lowes appeared to drag at a United shirt as he claimed the ball at the middle of the half way line. With the line official flagging for the infringement, the referee allowed play to continue, and Oli LOWES' looping shot from almost 50 yards somehow found the net. After a long consultation with his assistant, the man in charge allowed the goal to stand.

In the latter stages, the Hammers continued to push forward. Substitute Louis Whetton, through on goal on 80 minutes, could only fire over the bar. An excellent long ball from defence found Tino Maher who, having beaten his man, could only slice his shot wide. The same player then, after picking up a loose ball did manage to force Lloyd Thomas into his second real save of the game on 88 minutes. The keeper did well to push down, and then hold on to his powerful shot.

With United having to leave gaps at the back, New Milton too had chances late on, with Knibbs holding onto a header by substitute Callum Clarke. United should not be too discouraged with this defeat. In a game they were not expected to win, they gave a solid account of themselves, and certainly matched their opponents for large phases of the game. It makes one wonder what they could achieve with a fully fit, able to play squad

FT 0-2

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST- SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP FIRST ROUND HEDGE END RANGERS 5-0 WATERLOOVILLE AFC



Paul Harris was pitchside [and thanks for the picture]

This was the competitive debut of new club WaterlooVille AFC, newly-elected to the Southampton League.

It looked a difficult game, as they had to travel to Hedge End Rangers, promoted to Wessex Division One from the Hampshire Premier last season, and who have made a decent start at the new level, and so it proved.

The visitors started well and an early shot by Bush curled just wide. The hosts replied with a

cross from the right which saw a good turn from White, but he was, surprisingly, off-target. However, Rangers took the lead in only the sixth minute with a lovely free-kick by GOULD, top corner. The Ville came back with a long shot by Gale, just wide.

A good through ball then put Lamb through for the home side but keeper Clark came out well to block. Gould then came close with a long shot. Rangers' lead was doubled on 20 minutes as a corner was not cleared and NICHOLS forced the ball in. The home side were in charge and were playing some good stuff. Gould forced a save by Clark from an acute angle. Clark then made a decent save from Lamb, and denied White from the rebound. But his side conceded a penalty on 31 minutes for a clear foul, WHITE converting efficiently. Ville came back with a shot from Gale forcing Downs into a decent save.

At the other end Lamb had a shot over and a shot saved, and Gould hit the side netting.

HT 3-0

After the restart the home side didn't press as hard, and there were a few substitutions. A good free-kick by Bickley forced a save from Clark. Past the hour the visitors had their best chance, as a stretching volley by sub Rylance hit the bar. This stirred Rangers again and they got their fourth on 68 minutes as a defensive mix up let in sub McLEAN to tap in. The hosts were comfortable from then on, sub Redwood fired over, as

did McLean, cutting in. They did, however, manage a fifth on 87, as a cross confused the Ville defence and SNELL took advantage.

At the end Redwood had an effort saved, but at the end it was a pretty straightforward victory for the home side, although their opponents battled hard and had their moments.

FT 5-0

Rangers have added to their squad and should do well this season; Ville have improved from the last time I saw them, but whether it is enough will be seen when they start their league season in ten days' time at Nursling & Shirley Res. I certainly saw a few Ville shirts in evidence. They seem to get mixed reviews on social media but are certainly trying hard to make an impact in the area.

I was very pleased that we had a minute's silence for Dave Smith, President of the Hampshire Premier League, who sadly passed away a week today, Rangers of course being promoted from that league last season.

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

EAST COWES VICTORIA 2-2 HAMBLE CLUB

Russ Chapman was pitchside

Vics welcomed Hamble to Beatrice Avenue for this Wessex Premier league fixture. On a very damp August afternoon, with the pitch getting a much needed watering, Vics were looking to get back into winning ways after last week's defeat at home to Horndean.

Managers Alex Smith and Elliot Wheeler had to tweak the side again, with Jake Wright and Wheeler himself still unfit and youngster Caleb Dyer failing a late fitness test. In come Caleb Neale and Gabe Wall.

Hamble started the brighter of the two sides and George Bridi was called into action in the third minute, clawing away a dangerous cross from Jack Francis, who had a very eventful first half. Jake Adams effort was well saved by Bridi on 16 minutes. Leo Taylor's half Volley on 23 minutes was just high of the target.

Vics were really struggling to create anything of substance and it wasn't until the half hour mark that any attempt was recorded, Josh Neale's shot blocked. Hamble looked the more dangerous of the two teams and Ramon Barrow raced clear on 35 minutes, his effort though saved by Bridi.

In the 36th minute a ball into the box was contested by several players and to the crowd's astonishment, Referee Farrar pointed to the spot. Jack FRANCIS stepped up to smash the penalty straight down the middle. Hamble continued to restrict Vics to very little, but a minute into time added, Gabe Wall's lovely ball into the box was met by Hamble's Jack Francis, who headed into his own net to even things up.

HT 1-1

There was work to do in the half time talk and Vics came out for the second half with a real spring in their step. A minute in and Josh Neale's effort was well saved by Harvey Doe. Gabe Wall could have put Vics ahead a minute later but dragged his shot wide from 12 yards. Hamble retook the lead on 51 minutes, a cross into the box was headed goalwards by Ethan JONES, Liam Triggs' desperate effort to clear was unlucky and the ball went in off of the Vic's defender.

The game was on a knife edge with both teams scrapping for every ball. It was Vics who carved out the next chance though in the 67th minute. Macca Barnes delivery from a corner falling perfectly for Toby SNOW to head home from inside the six yard box. Snow was in the thick of it again in the 71st minute, a chipped ball into the box looked like it was going in, but Snow, at full stretch somehow kept the ball out. Hamble almost got a winner in the 89th minute, Jack Francis shot hitting the outside of the post.

FT 2-2

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

BASHLEY 4-2 BROCKENHURST

Thanks to Jon Renyard for the match notes. Photo courtesy of Sara Taylor

So, a proper New Forest derby: welcomed by all, including the stadium announcer who opened by commenting on the lack of local derbies at Step 4 and rejoiced in the chance to lock horns with the local neighbours. One change to the published line-up for Brock, with Will Giles starting instead of the injured Dan Bradford.

An even enough opening, Bashley had the wind behind them but neither side really pressing in the first 20 minutes. But then the hosts upped their game and took the lead on 24 through Fin RICHARDSON, a good finish but perhaps the Brock defence could have closed him down sooner.



They doubled the lead on 33 through Luke DELANEY, left completely unmarked... the Badgers might have got one back just before the interval, McGrath in a great position inside the box, his shot blocked but rebounded to Bullard but he couldn't sort his feet out and the ball was gratefully carried away by the Bashley defence.

HT 2-0

Brock had the wind in the second half and – with Dylan Walker on for Bullard – began to look more dangerous. Walker had a couple of excellent early crosses which

nobody could reach; then Bailey headed just wide; Colmer shot over the bar. Chances created but chances not converted... until 70 minutes, Brock's best move of the game, Will Giles down the left, on to Chika Ugwumba, he overhit the shot but Colmer was able to return it into the box and UGWUMBA sneaked in ahead of a forest of defenders to score his first goal for the Badgers. And in a flash, 2-2: UGWUMBA showing great composure to prod home his second despite being surrounded by defenders. Levelled up, everything to play for... and Brock pressed on looking for the winner although clear cut chances were few – Moore headed just wide, Colmer with a good shot well saved.

And just as we thought it looked as if the game was going to peter out as a draw, honours even, the hosts stirred themselves and grabbed the points. They took the lead on 90 minutes with a speculative cross-shot from Jack LOVELL which hit the underside of the bar, bounced down and was deemed to have crossed the line. By this time, the Badgers defence was starting to look pretty tired and they weren't able to deal with Joe FREAK's energy and pace off the bench and he wrapped things up three minutes into overtime.

FT 4-2

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST- WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

HAMWORTHY UNITED 0-1 BLANDFORD UNITED

Tony Beck was pitchside

Both clubs, with strong Dorset County football roots, were interestingly meeting for the first time in Wessex Football. There would though be no place for any sentiment on the pitch, both teams desperately seeking that elusive first league win of the season. The Hammers welcomed back, now in the Royals' squad, two former players, Callum Streamer and Finlay West. There was a bit of team shuffle after midweek, with Ollie Parry and Jake Streams both unavailable, Eddie Myers becoming captain. Jamie Ross was pleasingly back ready to start.

Played in more traditional British football weather, the Hammers had the early edge. On 12 minutes, Louis Whetton's corner, after help from Elliot Birtwistle, found its way back to him. After then elegantly weaving in, Whetton saw his diagonal shot fisted away to safety by the Royals' keeper Lucas Goad.

The Royals though so nearly took the lead in a double chance on 13 minutes, the Hammers' defence giving the ball away cheaply before Jimmy Fry's effort was well kept out by the legs of Knibbs at his near post. The rebound then fell nicely to Dan Kelly whose curling effort came back to safety off the opposite post.

On 32 minutes a menacing run by Whetton into the box, following a miss-kick, deserved more, his final shot being bravely blocked by Royals' defender Charlie John. A few minutes later Birtwistle's menacing free kick beat the four man wall, but was again pushed to safety by the impressive Goad. The home team piled on the pressure, Jamie Ross coming close. A minute later Birtwistle fired just shy of the near post before a long effort by Charlie Cox was initially spilled by the keeper who recovered just in time to hold onto the shot.

At the other end on 42 minutes, Knibbs himself could not cleanly gather Fry's tame free kick in the ever more drizzly weather, but luckily it all came to no harm. It was the Royals who opened the scoring on 47 minutes when Dan Kelly's free-kick from just outside the area was sloppily defended. The ball finally arrived at the feet of Jimmy FRY who slammed it into the top right corner of the net.

The Hammers did look the better team in the first half but, not for the first time this season, had paid the price for sloppy defending and not nailing any of their far more numerous and better chances.

HT 0-1

Again it was the home team asking the questions after the break. Seven minutes in, following a Birtwistle free kick, Goad pushed out a good effort by Charlie Cox, the rebound effort by Jack King-Phillips suffering the same fate. On 57 minutes, a perfect cross by King-Phillips was headed just wide by home substitute Sam Darlow.

On 60 minutes Birtwistle rammed a shot straight into the torso of the away captain Logan Laird who clearly felt the impact. On a rare break on 75 minutes, Jake Kelly fired just over the bar for Blandford after a good move.

On 82 minutes substitute Lewis Sainval's cross fell nicely to Darlow who again could only fire against the legs of Goad who was having a fine game. A solid 30 yard effort by Jamie Ross a minute later unluckily just cleared the upright. The Hammers' final decent chance came on 93 minutes when Sainval's flick fell nicely to Darlow, only to be met by yet another good block by Laird.

Based on chances, the Hammers did deserve at least a draw out of this game. Unlike last season, at least they are not conceding many. At the moment though, despite playing no shortage of intricate football, they are frustratingly not managing to get the ball into the back of the net.

FT 0-1

FIXTURES 2026/27

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



Tuesday 1 September

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round

Christchurch v Totton & Eling

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Fleetlands

Cowes Sports v Baffins Milton Rovers

East Cowes Victoria v Hythe & Dibden [20:00]

Horndean v Fareham Town

Millbrook v Bournemouth Poppies [20:00 at Sholing]

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 [at New Milton]

Sandhurst Town v Cove

Wednesday 2 September

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Downton

Saturday 5 September

Emirates FA Cup First Round Qualifying

Baffins Milton Rovers v Slimbridge AFC

Fleetlands v Cirencester Town

Sholing v Andover New Street

Tadley Calleva v Laverstock & Ford

Taunton Town v Millbrook

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round

Bournemouth Poppies v Kintbury Rangers

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

AFC Shirley v Fareham Town

Premier Division

Bashley v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

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 Victoria

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Folland Sports

Ash United v Totton & Eling

Blandford United v Frimley Green

Cove v Ringwood Town
Fawley AFC v Whitchurch United
Lymington Town v Colden Common
Newport (IOW) v Amesbury Town
Romsey Town v Alresford Town
Sandhurst Town v Hamworthy United

Tuesday 8 September

Hampshire Senior Cup First Round

Brockenhurst v Fareham Town

Hampshire Senior Cup Second Round

Andover New Street v Cowes Sports
Horndean v Hedge End Rangers
Ringwood Town v AFC Stoneham

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 First Round

Fawley AFC v East Cowes Victoria [19:30]

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup 2nd Round

Downton v Fleetlands
Newport (IOW) v Folland Sports

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v Hamble Club
Christchurch v Sherborne Town
Sturminster Newton United v Bournemouth Poppies

Division One

Totton & Eling v Romsey Town

Wednesday 9 September

Hampshire Senior Cup Second Round

Gosport Borough v Petersfield Town

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Laverstock & Ford

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 Victoria 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 Harlequins 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

Andover New Street v Hythe & Dibden
Bashley v Baffins Milton Rovers
Bournemouth Poppies v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Brockenhurst v Sturminster Newton United
Fleetlands v Cowes Sports [19:30]
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

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 United
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 Harlequins
Laverstock & Ford v East Cowes Victoria
Petersfield Town v Brockenhurst

Division One

Alresford Town v Hedge End Rangers
Amesbury Town v Ringwood Town
Ash United v Newport (IOW)
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

Hampshire Senior Cup Second Round

Southampton v Bashley

Premier Division

Downton v Millbrook
Hamble Club v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
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

AFC Totton v Folland Sports

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 Harlequins v Horndean

East Cowes Victoria 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

Baffins Milton Rovers v Millbrook

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 Harlequins

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 [2 September]
Gosport Borough	v	Fareham Town [2 September]
Hamworthy Recreation	v	Millbrook [3 September]
Portland United	v	Hamble Club [2 September]
Shaftesbury	v	Bournemouth [?]
Sholing	v	Christchurch [31 August]
Wimborne Town	v	Petersfield Town [2 September]

Dates are subject to change if directed otherwise by The FA. In the Qualifying Competition these ties to be played in the week commencing Monday 31 August. Good luck to all our teams

FA WOMENS CUP - 2026/27

Sunday 23 August

Preliminary Round

Bournemouth Manor	0-11	Andover New Street
Finchampstead	1-2	Whitchurch United

Sunday 6 September

First Round Qualifying

Corsham Town	v	Whitchurch United
Millbrook	v	Aldershot Town
Wimborne Town	v	Bournemouth Poppies
Windsor & Eton	v	Andover New Street

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE – SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

RESULTS

Tuesday 25 August

Ascot United 4-0 Binfield

Ashford Town (Middlesex) 2-3 Cobham

Hayes & Yeading United 0-2 Raynes Park Vale

Hendon 1-0 Bedfont Sports

Littlehampton Town 0-1 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	3	3	0	0	11	2	9	9	3.000
3	Bognor Regis Town	3	2	1	0	5	2	3	7	2.333
4	Southall	3	1	2	0	7	5	2	5	1.667
5	Ascot United	3	1	1	1	8	5	3	4	1.333
6	Jersey Bulls	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4	2.000
7	Bedfont Sports	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4	1.333
8	Westfield	3	1	1	1	4	6	-2	4	1.333
9	Ashford Town (Middlesex)	2	1	0	1	6	3	3	3	1.500
10	Cobham	2	1	0	1	3	3	0	3	1.500
11	AFC Portchester	3	0	3	0	1	1	0	3	1.000
12	Windsor & Eton	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3	1.500
13	Egham Town	2	1	0	1	2	5	-3	3	1.500
14	Raynes Park Vale	2	1	0	1	2	8	-6	3	1.500
15	Kingstonian	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2	1.000
16	Moneyfields	3	0	2	1	4	5	-1	2	0.667
17	Hayes & Yeading United	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	1.000
18	Harrow Borough	2	0	1	1	2	3	-1	1	0.500
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	3	0	0	3	2	7	-5	0	0.000
22	Binfield	3	0	0	3	2	11	-9	0	0.000

FIXTURES

Tuesday 1 September

Littlehampton Town v Winchester City

Saturday 5 September

AFC Stoneham v Kingstonian

Ashford Town (Middlesex) v Westfield

Cobham v Hendon

Egham Town v Binfield

Harrow Borough v Littlehampton Town

Hartley Wintney v Hayes & Yeading United

Moneyfields v AFC Portchester

Raynes Park Vale v Bognor Regis Town

Southall v Ascot United

Winchester City v Bedfont Sports

Windsor & Eton v Jersey Bulls

SOUTHERN LEAGUE – DIVISION ONE SOUTH

RESULTS

No league games in the last week, the table below is from Wednesday 19 August

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

FIXTURES

Monday 31 August

Bideford v Willand Rovers
 Bishops Cleeve v Bristol Manor Farm
 Dorchester Town v Hungerford Town
 Falmouth Town v Barnstaple Town
 Hartpury v Worcester Raiders
 Larkhall Athletic v Westbury United
 Melksham Town v Weymouth
 Portland United v Shaftesbury
 Sporting Club Inkberrow v Slimbridge
 Swindon Supermarine v Paulton Rovers
 Tiverton Town v Exmouth Town

Saturday 5 September

Barnstaple Town v Swindon Supermarine
 Bristol Manor Farm v Melksham Town
 Exmouth Town v Sporting Club Inkberrow
 Paulton Rovers v Hartpury
 Slimbridge v Portland United
 Westbury United v Bideford
 Willand Rovers v Larkhall Athletic
 Worcester Raiders v Falmouth Town

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Saturday 29 August

Balti Sports 7-1 Mere Town
 Bournemouth Sports 3-1 Wimborne Town Reserves
 Cobham Sports 5-1 Portland United Reserves
 Dorchester Sports 3-2 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves
 Gillingham Town 0-6 Swanage Town & Herston
 Holt United 3-0 Sherborne Town Reserves
 Verwood Town 1-6 Hamworthy United Reserves
 Wareham Rangers 0-2 Bournemouth Electric

TABLE

POS	DORSET PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Holt United	6	5	0	1	18	7	11	15	2.500
2	Cobham Sports	6	4	2	0	18	5	13	14	2.333
3	Bournemouth Electric	6	4	2	0	15	4	11	14	2.333
4	Swanage Town & Herston	6	4	1	1	20	10	10	13	2.167
5	Dorchester Sports	5	4	1	0	17	9	8	13	2.600
6	Balti Sports	5	3	0	2	22	12	10	9	1.800
7	Gillingham Town	6	3	0	3	17	18	-1	9	1.500
8	Hamworthy United Reserves	6	3	0	3	17	20	-3	9	1.500
9	Sherborne Town Reserves	5	2	2	1	12	11	1	8	1.600
10	Bournemouth Sports	6	2	1	3	17	15	2	7	1.167
11	Westland Sports	5	1	3	1	11	11	0	6	1.200
12	Wimborne Town Reserves	6	2	0	4	14	18	-4	6	1.000
13	Verwood Town	6	1	2	3	11	18	-7	5	0.833
14	Portland United Reserves	5	1	1	3	9	13	-4	4	0.800
15	Wareham Rangers	5	1	0	4	8	15	-7	3	0.600
16	Mere Town	6	0	1	5	6	25	-19	1	0.167
17	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	6	0	0	6	5	26	-21	0	0.000

FIXTURES

Tuesday 1 September

Dorset Premier League Cup First Round

Verwood Town v Dorchester Sports

Saturday 5 September

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

Dorset Premier League Cup First Round

Westland Sports v Wareham Rangers

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Monday 24 August

Crofton Saints 0-3 Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Tuesday 25 August

Moneyfields Reserves 1-0 Liss Athletic

Thursday 27 August

US Portsmouth 2-0 AFC Netley

Saturday 29 August

Bishops Waltham Dynamos 6-1 Meon Milton

Blackfield & Langley 5-0 Broughton

Denmead 1-9 Locks Heath

Liphook United 0-5 Overton United

Whitehill & Bordon 3-3 Hook

TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Whitehill & Bordon	7	5	1	1	13	9	4	16	2.286
2	Hook	6	4	2	0	24	14	10	14	2.333
3	Moneyfields Reserves	5	4	1	0	15	5	10	13	2.600
4	AFC Shirley	4	4	0	0	12	3	9	12	3.000
5	Southsea Sports	6	4	0	2	11	9	2	12	2.000
6	Blackfield & Langley	6	3	2	1	12	7	5	11	1.833
7	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	6	3	0	3	19	15	4	9	1.500
8	US Portsmouth	7	3	0	4	13	16	-3	9	1.286
9	Overton United	4	2	0	2	10	4	6	6	1.500
10	Locks Heath	4	2	0	2	13	8	5	6	1.500
11	Liphook United	6	2	0	4	7	17	-10	6	1.000
12	Liss Athletic	4	1	1	2	4	4	0	4	1.000
13	AFC Netley	5	1	1	3	6	8	-2	4	0.800
14	Meon Milton	6	1	1	4	9	16	-7	4	0.667
15	Crofton Saints	5	1	0	4	3	9	-6	3	0.600
16	Broughton	5	1	0	4	5	16	-11	3	0.600
17	Denmead	6	0	1	5	5	21	-16	1	0.167

FIXTURES**Tuesday 1 September**

US Portsmouth v Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Saturday 5 September

Broughton v Denmead

Hook v Moneyfields Reserves

Liphook United v US Portsmouth

Meon Milton v Blackfield & Langley

Overton United v Whitehill & Bordon

Southsea Sports v Liss Athletic

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Bishops Waltham Dynamos v Hedge End Town

Stockbridge v AFC Shirley

WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE**RESULTS****Tuesday 25 August**

Devizes Town Reserves 1-1 Faringdon Town

Fairford Town Reserves 1-3 Down Ampney

Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development 2-1 Park United

Wednesday 26 August

Hungerford Town Development 1-3 Shrivenham

Pewsey Vale 1-4 Trowbridge Town

Wroughton 0-3 Bishops Cannings

Saturday 29 August

Faringdon Town 0-2 Fairford Town Reserves

Hungerford Town Development 8-3 Down Ampney

Melksham Town Reserves 4-0 Bradford Town Reserves

Park United 3-5 Bishops Cannings

Pewsey Vale 1-2 Wroughton

Shrewton United 5-2 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

TABLE

POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Shrivenham	6	5	1	0	24	4	20	16	2.667
2	Shrewton United	6	4	0	2	21	5	16	12	2.000
3	Melksham Town Reserves	5	4	0	1	14	5	9	12	2.400
4	Bishops Cannings	6	4	0	2	17	16	1	12	2.000
5	Trowbridge Town	5	3	2	0	12	6	6	11	2.200
6	Larkhall Athletic Development	4	3	1	0	12	4	8	10	2.500
7	Faringdon Town	6	3	1	2	12	11	1	10	1.667
8	Purton Kingsdown	5	2	2	1	13	8	5	8	1.600
9	Hungerford Town Development	7	2	2	3	21	19	2	8	1.143
10	Park United	7	2	2	3	14	13	1	8	1.143
11	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development	6	2	2	2	9	8	1	8	1.333
12	Down Ampney	7	2	1	4	13	22	-9	7	1.000
13	Pewsey Vale	7	2	0	5	9	22	-13	6	0.857
14	Devizes Town Reserves	4	1	2	1	5	6	-1	5	1.250
15	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves	4	1	1	2	10	9	1	4	1.000
16	Fairford Town Reserves	6	1	1	4	4	15	-11	4	0.667
17	Wroughton	6	1	0	5	5	21	-16	3	0.500
18	Bradford Town Reserves	5	0	0	5	2	23	-21	0	0.000

FIXTURES**Saturday 5 September**

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves v Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development

Bishops Cannings v Larkhall Athletic Development

Bradford Town Reserves v Hungerford Town Development

Fairford Town Reserves v Pewsey Vale

Faringdon Town v Down Ampney

Melksham Town Reserves v Trowbridge Town

Shrewton United v Purton Kingsdown

Shrivenham v Devizes Town Reserves

Wroughton v Park United

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE**RESULTS****Wednesday 26 August****Under 23 Premier Division**

Dorchester Town 3-4 AFC Totton

Under 23 East Division

Fleetlands 1-0 Baffins Milton Rovers

Under 23 West Division

Fawley AFC 5-7 Laverstock & Ford

New Milton Town 5-1 Bashley

Thursday 27 August

Under 23 Premier Division

Winchester City 4-1 Hamble Club

There were no fixtures for today, Saturday 29 August.

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

POS	UNDER 23 PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Totton U23	3	2	1	0	11	6	5	7
2	Winchester City U23	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
3	Ringwood Town U23	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
4	AFC Stoneham U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Fareham Town U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Select Generation U23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Dorchester Town FC U23	1	0	0	1	3	4	-1	0
8	Hamble Club U23	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
9	Poole Town U23	1	0	0	1	2	6	-4	0

FIXTURES

Tuesday 1 September

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup First Round

Downton v Totton & Eling

Hamble Club v Romsey Town

Under 23 Premier Division

AFC Totton v Select Generation

Wednesday 2 September

John Stimpson Memorial Shield First Round

Fleetlands U23 v Clanfield

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Second Round

Fawley AFC v Ringwood Town U23

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup Second Round

Bashley v New Milton Town

Under 23 East Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v Andover Town

Thursday 3 September

Under 23 West Division

Laverstock & Ford v Lymington Town

Saturday 5 September

Hampshire Combination Challenge Cup Second Round

Crofton Saints v Clanfield Development

Nursling & Shirley v Hedge End Rangers

Premier Division

Clanfield v Liss Athletic

Downton v Hythe & Dibden

Petersfield Town v AFC Stoneham

Division One

AFC Netley v Bishops Waltham Dynamos A

Alresford Town v Fawley AFC

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE- CUP DRAWS

Hampshire Combination Challenge Cup Draw

First Round

Bishops Waltham Dynamos A v Petersfield Town

Hythe & Dibden v AFC Stoneham

Liss Athletic v Clanfield

Meon Milton v AFC Netley

Second Round

Crofton Saints v Clanfield Development

Denmead v Hythe & Dibden or AFC Stoneham

Downton v Alresford Town

Fawley AFC v Brockenhurst

Liss Athletic or Clanfield v Bishops Waltham Dynamos or Petersfield Town

Nursling & Shirley v Hedge End Rangers

Pagham v Meon Milton or AFC Netley

Laverstock & Ford bye

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Cup Draw

First Round

AFC Totton U23 v Bishops Waltham Dynamos A

Alresford Town v Baffins Milton Rovers U23

Andover Town U23 v Nursling & Shirley

Brockenhurst A-W Meon Milton

Fleetlands U23 v Clanfield

Folland Sports U23 v Winchester City U23

Laverstock & Ford v Totton & Eling U23

New Milton Town U23 v Downton

Second Round

AFC Stoneham v Lymington Town U23

AFC Totton U23 or Bishops Waltham Dynamos A v Fleetlands U23 or Clanfield

Alresford Town or Baffins Milton Rovers U23 v Liss Athletic

Clanfield Development v Denmead

Dorchester Town U23 v AFC Netley

Fawley AFC v Ringwood Town U23

Folland Sports U23 or Winchester City U23 v New Milton Town U23 or Downton

Hedge End Rangers v Fareham Town U23

Hythe & Dibden 1-3 Crofton Saints

Laverstock & Ford or Totton & Eling U23 v Hayling United U23
Petersfield Town v Meon Milton
Romsey Town U23 v Hamble Club U23
Select Generation U23 v Whiteley Wanderers U23
U.S. Portsmouth U23 v Pagham
Verwood Town U23 v Andover Town U23 or Nursling & Shirley
Bashley U23 bye

Under 23 Cup draw

First Round

AFC Stoneham v Fleetlands
Baffins Milton Rovers v Winchester City
Dorchester Town v Verwood Town
Downton v Totton & Eling
Fawley AFC v Fareham Town
Folland Sports v Ringwood Town
Hamble Club v Romsey Town
Select Generation v Laverstock & Ford
U.S. Portsmouth v Andover Town

Second Round

AFC Totton v Hamble Club or Romsey Town
Baffins Milton Rovers or Winchester City v Select Generation or Laverstock & Ford
Bashley v New Milton Town
Dorchester Town or Verwood Town v Whiteley Wanderers
Downton or Totton & Eling v Fawley AFC or Fareham Town
Folland Sports or Ringwood Town v Lymington Town
Hayling United v U.S. Portsmouth or Andover Town
Poole Town v AFC Stoneham or Fleetlands

Under 18 Cup draw

First Round

AFC Portchester v AFC Stoneham Knights
AFC Stoneham Athletic v Fareham Town Black
Andover New Street v Sholing
Christchurch 1885 v Clanfield
Cowes Sports v Eastleigh Spitfires
Eastleigh 1946 v Christchurch
Fareham Town Creeksiders v Fareham Town Reds
Petersfield Town v Cobham Sports
Wimborne Town v AFC Stoneham United
Winchester City Red v Paulsgrove Athletic

Second Round

Andover Town v Winchester City Blue
Bashley v Baffins Milton Rovers
Bishops Waltham Dynamos v AFC Totton
Christchurch 1885 or Clanfield v Ringwood Town
Fareham Town Creeksiders or Fareham Town Reds v Moneyfields
Fleetlands v Petersfield Town or Cobham Sports
Gosport Borough v Millbrook
Havant & Waterlooville v Eastleigh 1946 or Christchurch
Horndean v Andover New Street or Sholing
Meon Milton Yellow v AFC Stoneham Athletic or Fareham Town Black
Newport IoW v Cowes Sports or Eastleigh Spitfires
Pace v New Milton Town
Totton & Eling v AFC Portchester or AFC Stoneham Knights
Wimborne Town or AFC Stoneham United v Holt United
Winchester City Red or Paulsgrove Athletic v Hamble Club
Meon Milton Blue bye

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	Fareham Town	4	4	0	0	8	2	6	12	3.000
2	Downton	5	3	1	1	17	10	7	10	2.000
3	Sturminster Newton United	6	3	1	2	11	7	4	10	1.667
4	Sherborne Town	7	2	4	1	8	7	1	10	1.429
5	Hamworthy Recreation	4	2	2	0	9	5	4	8	2.000
6	Andover New Street	5	2	2	1	6	4	2	8	1.600
7	Fleetlands	3	2	1	0	6	3	3	7	2.333
8	Hamble Club	5	1	4	0	9	8	1	7	1.400
9	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	5	2	1	2	8	8	0	7	1.400
10	Millbrook	3	2	0	1	5	2	3	6	2.000
11	Horndean	4	2	0	2	6	4	2	6	1.500
12	Cowes Sports	4	2	0	2	4	5	-1	6	1.500
13	Brockenhurst	5	2	0	3	7	11	-4	6	1.200
14	Laverstock & Ford	4	1	2	1	7	6	1	5	1.250
15	Petersfield Town	4	1	1	2	7	7	0	4	1.000
16	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	3	1	1	1	5	11	-6	4	1.333
17	Hythe & Dibden	7	1	1	5	5	11	-6	4	0.571
18	Bournemouth Poppies	5	1	1	3	3	9	-6	4	0.800
19	Bashley	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3	1.000
20	Baffins Milton Rovers	3	1	0	2	4	6	-2	3	1.000
21	Christchurch	5	0	0	5	6	14	-8	0	0.000

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	New Milton Town	5	5	0	0	16	4	12	15	3.000
2	Fawley AFC	6	4	1	1	10	6	4	13	2.167
3	Sandhurst Town	6	3	2	1	15	6	9	11	1.833
4	Ringwood Town	6	3	2	1	13	7	6	11	1.833
5	Amesbury Town	6	3	2	1	13	9	4	11	1.833
6	Frimley Green	6	3	0	3	13	7	6	9	1.500
7	Newport (IOW)	3	3	0	0	9	4	5	9	3.000
8	Cove	4	3	0	1	7	8	-1	9	2.250
9	Alresford Town	5	2	2	1	10	8	2	8	1.600
10	AFC Aldermaston	6	2	2	2	9	8	1	8	1.333
11	Whitchurch United	6	2	2	2	11	16	-5	8	1.333
12	Hedge End Rangers	5	2	1	2	7	10	-3	7	1.400
13	Kintbury Rangers	6	1	3	2	8	12	-4	6	1.000
14	Blandford United	5	1	2	2	4	5	-1	5	1.000
15	Folland Sports	4	1	1	2	8	9	-1	4	1.000
16	Romsey Town	4	1	1	2	7	10	-3	4	1.000
17	Lymington Town [*]	5	1	2	2	5	9	-4	4	0.800
18	Hamworthy United	6	0	2	4	8	12	-4	2	0.333
19	Ash United	5	0	2	3	2	9	-7	2	0.400
20	Colden Common	4	0	1	3	7	13	-6	1	0.250
21	Totton & Eling	5	0	0	5	4	14	-10	0	0.000

THE LAST WORD

For my sins, I am beginning to put together a spreadsheet for all the Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup matches down the years, all the results are known bar two.

In 1995/96, Downton beat Swanage Town & Herston 3-1. But this is the aggregate score, so does anyone have the breakdown of date and or result for either the home game at Downton or the home game at Swanage. *Your help would be appreciated here.*

Dates are another matter, with many gaps across the years not least around the run of the 2000s, more on that another time.

With this competition in our minds here's a handful of facts for you. From over 1550 games actually played (therefore this excludes games "awarded" that were not actually played), the top five teams for games played is- Brockenhurst [124], Bemerton Heath Harlequins [113], Thatcham Town [104], Wimborne Town [98] and Bournemouth [95].

There are three games that have been drawn on five occasions (with ten on four), Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Thatcham Town, Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Wimborne Town and Horndean v Newport IOW.

The most frequent result for the competition is 2-1 on 113 occasions, 1-1 on 100 occasions and 1-0 on 99 occasions.

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Courtesy of Matt Gale is Division One action today from Ringwood Town (red,) where the hosts hit five without replay against Totton & Eling.