



WELCOME TO EDITION NUMBER 15 - WEEK ENDING SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of your Newsletter, if you have any contribution, be it Match Reports, player news or photos please get in touch at - newsletter.wessexleague@gmail.com.

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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 help, 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

Courtesy of Ken Walker, here's some midweek action from Fleetlands (red and black) where the Coptermen beat league leaders Fareham Town 2-1 and ended their 100% start for the 26/27 campaign.





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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.

In addition the Industrial Boiler Services advert **must** be included in ANY League Cup programme.

New ones for 2026/27 are now available. Page 2 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.

In addition to League and League Cup games they do include FA Cup, FA Vase, FA Youth Cup 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	6,751	43	157.00	2,459	3,444	28,349
12-Sep-26	4,804	37	129.84	-1,947	-1,440	33,153
19-Sep-26	4,042	36	112.28	-762	1,425	37,195
26-Sep-26	5,944	36	165.11	1,902	2,912	43,139
03-Oct-26	4,318	34	127.00	-1,626	1,337	47,457
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	*	*	*	*	*	*

CLUB NEWS

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

Harvey Aston has reached 100 appearances for **Fareham Town**. Whilst at the Creeksideer, they travel to Sholing tomorrow in the FA Youth Cup as our sole remaining representatives in the compeition.

On the Isle of Wight, John McKie recently hit his 212th goal for **Cowes Sports** moving him into clear second spot for all time scorer with the Yachtsmen. Bit of a way to go yet to claim the top spot though, with George Reader on 315.

Noel McCarthy-Gardiner of **New Milton Town** notched up his 20th England cap for the England Fire Service in the week, sadly though ending on the losing side. 5-1 for the Royal Air Force FA.

TUNE IN

WESSEX LEAGUE FOOTBALL SHOW



Tune in to our official podcast live on
Fiesta 95FM and www.fiestafm.co.uk
every Sunday between 12-2pm, with
Greg Dickson and Josh Barton.

Featuring guest interviews and
rounding-up all the latest news from
around the Wessex League.

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ATTENDANCE STATISTICS 2026/27

TEAM	25/26 AVGE	26/27 AVGE	+/-	+/- AS A %	26/27 BEST
AFC Aldermaston	45.00	39.29	-5.71	-12.70%	50.00
Alresford Town	136.88	145.29	8.41	6.14%	192.00
Amesbury Town	72.38	90.00	17.62	24.34%	152.00
Andover New Street	186.11	202.67	16.56	8.90%	238.00
Ash United	70.95	80.00	9.05	12.76%	176.00
Baffins Milton Rovers	97.84	87.67	-10.17	-10.40%	100.00
Bashley	0.00	226.50	226.50	0.00%	253.00
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	138.74	117.43	-21.31	-15.36%	312.00
Blandford United	0.00	334.50	334.50	0.00%	382.00
Bournemouth	70.42	76.00	5.58	7.92%	103.00
Brockenhurst	161.21	127.60	-33.61	-20.85%	161.00
Christchurch	92.79	88.67	-4.12	-4.44%	103.00
Colden Common	72.43	89.00	16.57	22.88%	143.00
Cove	87.38	119.60	32.22	36.87%	133.00
Cowes Sports	203.58	170.33	-33.25	-16.33%	223.00
Downton	132.16	186.00	53.84	40.74%	260.00
East Cowes Victoria	184.63	174.83	-9.80	-5.31%	222.00
Fareham Town	0.00	286.20	286.20	0.00%	407.00
Fawley	69.95	160.00	90.05	128.73%	202.00
Fleetlands	105.67	142.17	36.50	34.54%	298.00
Folland Sports	70.62	101.67	31.05	43.96%	158.00
Frimley Green	117.20	81.00	-36.20	-30.89%	107.00
Hamble Club	90.84	113.14	22.30	24.55%	173.00
Hamworthy Recreation	46.37	134.50	88.13	190.06%	163.00
Hamworthy United	97.38	104.00	6.62	6.80%	123.00
Hedge End Rangers	0.00	117.50	117.50	0.00%	179.00
Horndean	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.00%	233.00
Hythe & Dibden	90.68	108.83	18.15	20.02%	143.00
Kintbury Rangers	80.14	77.50	-2.64	-3.29%	84.00
Laverstock & Ford	128.11	145.60	17.49	13.65%	198.00
Lymington Town	79.52	91.50	11.98	15.07%	126.00
Millbrook	76.11	66.17	-9.94	-13.06%	90.00
New Milton Town	138.95	221.86	82.91	59.67%	263.00
Newport IOW	136.38	432.33	295.95	217.01%	493.00
Petersfield Town	169.26	139.17	-30.09	-17.78%	205.00
Ringwood Town	60.67	66.00	5.33	8.79%	112.00
Romsey Town	121.29	192.00	70.71	58.30%	240.00
Sandhurst Town	0.00	94.50	94.50	0.00%	145.00
Sherborne Town	124.11	123.67	-0.44	-0.36%	177.00
Sturminster Newton United	0.00	246.88	246.88	0.00%	402.00
Totton & Eling	112.19	115.00	2.81	2.50%	164.00
Whitchurch United	114.43	112.20	-2.23	-1.95%	140.00
Premier Division running total	17,815	Average	150.97		
Division One running total	13,120	Average	117.14		

STAT ATTACK

TOP SIX LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION

Max Wilcock	Downton	10
John McKie	Cowes Sports	8
Devon Arnold	Laverstock & Ford	7
Josh Neale	East Cowes Victoria	7
Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy Recreation	7
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DIVISION ONE

Dan Bone	Frimley Green	11
Ollie Brown	Ringwood Town	9
Minhaz Chowdhury	Ash United	7
Arran Moore	Amesbury Town	7
Ji Nash	Newport IOW	7
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*Details are based on clubs being up to date with records on Full Time at time of publication.
This may or may not include League goals from this weekend.*

PREMIER DIVISION

Top five league attendances

Downton	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	451	28 August
Fareham Town	vs	Bashley	407	12 September
Sturminster Newton United	vs	Christchurch	402	4 August
Fareham Town	vs	Sherborne Town	372	26 September
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	vs	Laverstock & Ford	312	9 September

DIVISION ONE

Top five league attendances

Newport IOW	vs	Fawley AFC	493	1 September
Newport IOW	vs	Frimley Green	453	26 September
Blandford United	vs	Frimley Green	382	5 September
New Milton Town	vs	Lymington Town	351	9 September
Newport IOW	vs	Amesbury Town	351	5 September

PREMIER DIVISION- HIGH WINNING SCORES

Home win	Downton	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	8-1	28 August
	Hamble Club	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	7-0	22 September
Away win	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	vs	Laverstock & Ford	1-5	9 September

DIVISION ONE- HIGH WINNING SCORES

Home win	Newport IOW	vs	Amesbury Town	8-0	5 September
Away win	Lymington Town	vs	Romsey Town	0-5	19 September
	Whitchurch United	vs	Sandhurst Town	0-5	5 August
	Blandford United	vs	Frimley Green	1-6	5 September

ONE FOR THE TOP DRAWER

Premier Division	Christchurch	vs	Baffins Milton Rovers	4-4	3 October
Division One	Whitchurch United	vs	Colden Common	4-4	1 August

FA WOMENS CUP - 2026/27

Third Round Qualifying [Sunday 4 October. KO 14:00]

Dursley Town v **Andover New Street**

Marine Academy Plymouth v **Sherborne Town**

HAMPSHIRE SERVO SENIOR CUP NEWS

Tune in to our Radio Show tomorrow, Sunday 4 October, when the Third Round draw will be made for the Hampshire Servio Senior Cup- at around 12:15

WESSEX LEAGUE MILEAGE DATA

#	STEP 5-Premier Division	Total	Average per trip	Step 5 Rank (of 318)
1	Sherborne Town	1,250	62	21
2	Sturminster Newton United	979	49	62
3	Petersfield Town	913	46	76
4	Andover New Street	818	41	108
5	Horndean	809	40	114
6	Baffins Milton Rovers	721	36	159
7	Cowes Sports	716	36	163
8	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	709	35	171
9	Bournemouth	694	35	181
10	Hamworthy Recreation	692	35	183
11	Fleetlands	684	34	194
12	Fareham Town	677	34	198
13	Hamble Club	658	33	209
14	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	653	33	211
15	Hythe & Dibden	626	31	233
16	Christchurch	622	31	236
17	Laverstock & Ford	617	31	240
18	Bashley	614	31	241
19	Brockenhurst	577	29	253
20	Downton	572	29	259
21	Millbrook	566	28	262

#	STEP 6- Division One	Total	Average per trip	Step 6 Rank (of 341)
1	Hamworthy United	1,067	53	27
2	Blandford United	1,033	52	31
3	Ash United	993	50	37
4	Newport (Isle of Wight)	985	49	44
5	Kintbury Rangers	949	47	48
6	Sandhurst Town	947	47	50
7	Frimley Green	935	47	53
8	Cove	916	46	60
9	AFC Aldermaston	897	45	65
10	New Milton Town	793	40	110
11	Amesbury Town	769	38	117
12	Lymington Town	753	38	127
13	Ringwood Town	741	37	135
14	Fawley	738	37	136
15	Folland Sports	725	36	141
16	Hedge End Rangers	700	35	153
17	Whitchurch United	691	35	159
18	Alresford Town	654	33	179
19	Colden Common	619	31	207
20	Romsey Town	615	31	209
21	Totton & Eling	602	30	220

STEP 5-Premier Division

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

Furthest Trip

- 93 (Horndean)
- 85 (Petersfield Town)
- 93 (Sherborne Town)
- 57 (East Cowes Victoria Athletic)
- 93 (Sherborne Town)
- 87 (Sherborne Town)
- 78 (Sherborne Town)
- 79 (Sherborne Town)
- 66 (Petersfield Town)
- 64 (Petersfield Town)
- 83 (Sherborne Town)
- 82 (Sherborne Town)
- 76 (Sherborne Town)
- 51 (Horndean)
- 68 (Sherborne Town)
- 60 (Petersfield Town)
- 49 (Horndean)
- 57 (Petersfield Town)
- 62 (Sherborne Town)
- 53 (Petersfield Town)
- 64 (Sherborne Town)

Shortest Trip

- 12 (Sturminster Newton United)
- 12 (Sherborne Town)
- 8 (Horndean)
- 18 (Laverstock & Ford)
- 8 (Baffins Milton Rovers)
- 8 (Horndean)
- 2 (East Cowes Victoria Athletic)
- 2 (Cowes Sports)
- 4 (Hamworthy Recreation)
- 5 (Bournemouth)
- 1 (Fareham Town)
- 2 (Fleetlands)
- 13 (Fareham Town)
- 3 (Laverstock & Ford)
- 8 (Millbrook)
- 6 (Bournemouth)
- 3 (Bemerton Heath Harlequins)
- 6 (Brockenhurst)
- 6 (Bashley)
- 7 (Laverstock & Ford)
- 8 (Hythe & Dibden)

STEP 6- Division One

- 1 Hamworthy United
- 2 Blandford United
- 3 Ash United
- 4 Newport (Isle of Wight)
- 5 Kintbury Rangers
- 6 Sandhurst Town
- 7 Frimley Green
- 8 Cove
- 9 AFC Aldermaston
- 10 New Milton Town
- 11 Amesbury Town
- 12 Lymington Town
- 13 Ringwood Town
- 14 Fawley
- 15 Folland Sports
- 16 Hedge End Rangers
- 17 Whitchurch United
- 18 Alresford Town
- 19 Colden Common
- 20 Romsey Town
- 21 Totton & Eling

Furthest Trip

- 87 (Ash United)
- 87 (Ash United)
- 88 (Blandford United)
- 83 (Sandhurst Town)
- 79 (Hamworthy United)
- 85 (Blandford United)
- 84 (Blandford United)
- 82 (Blandford United)
- 78 (Hamworthy United)
- 73 (Ash United)
- 57 (Ash United)
- 69 (Ash United)
- 68 (Ash United)
- 64 (Ash United)
- 57 (Ash United)
- 56 (Ash United)
- 62 (Hamworthy United)
- 56 (Blandford United)
- 53 (Blandford United)
- 54 (Ash United)
- 55 (Ash United)

Shortest Trip

- 15 (Blandford United)
- 14 (Hamworthy United)
- 4 (Frimley Green)
- 18 (Lymington Town)
- 16 (Whitchurch United)
- 5 (Frimley Green)
- 3 (Cove)
- 3 (Frimley Green)
- 16 (Whitchurch United)
- 7 (Lymington Town)
- 24 (Whitchurch United)
- 7 (New Milton Town)
- 8 (New Milton Town)
- 11 (Lymington Town)
- 3 (Hedge End Rangers)
- 3 (Folland Sports)
- 12 (Colden Common)
- 9 (Colden Common)
- 9 (Alresford Town)
- 5 (Totton & Eling)
- 5 (Romsey Town)



Reproduced courtesy of our friends at Non-League HQ, these are our mileage charts, based on road driving distances in miles. The total is one visit to every other club in the league. Total Miles is that club visiting every other club in its league once. The following page shows how the leagues across Steps 5 and 6 look, when ranked by average road miles per away trip, so leagues of different sizes compare fairly. Distances are road driving miles calculated from each club's stored latitude/longitude and cached on the Non-League HQ server. For more information, find them here <https://www.nonleaguehq.com/>

#	League	Clubs	Average per Trip	Total Miles
1	Western League Premier	19	69	23,594
2	Southern Combination Premier League	20	47	17,977
3	United Counties Premier South	19	46	15,882
4	Midlands Premier League	20	45	17,067
5	Eastern Counties Premier	20	44	16,852
6	United Counties Premier North	18	42	12,830
7	Hellenic Premier League	21	41	17,374
8	Northern League Division One	22	41	18,950
9	Northern Counties East Premier	20	41	15,469
10	North West Counties Premier	20	40	15,242
11	Wessex Premier League	21	36	15,166
12	Combined Counties Premier North	20	34	13,023
13	Essex Senior League	20	31	11,682
14	South Midlands Premier League	20	30	11,229
15	Southern Counties East Premier	18	25	7,646
16	Combined Counties Premier South	20	24	9,036

#	League	Clubs	Average per Trip	Total Miles
1	Eastern Counties Division One North	20	55	20,994
2	Hellenic Division One	18	44	13,572
3	South West Peninsula League East	17	44	11,972
4	North West Counties One North	22	42	19,622
5	Wessex Division One	21	41	17,122
6	South West Peninsula League West	18	39	11,954
7	Southern Combination Division One	20	39	14,675
8	North West Counties One South	20	37	14,105
9	Northern Counties East Division One	22	36	16,527
10	Southern Counties East Division One	18	34	10,488
11	Midlands Division One	22	31	14,338
12	United Counties Division One	22	31	14,285
13	South Midlands Division One	19	30	10,373
14	Northern League Division Two	20	30	11,422
15	Eastern Counties Division One South	22	29	13,583
16	Combined Counties Division One	22	20	9,420
17	Western Division One	18	19	5,722

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Appointment notifications for former Wessex League Match Officials

REFEREE

03 October	EFL Two	Crewe Alexandra v Bristol Rovers	Matt Russell
03 October	EFL Two	Exeter City v Rotherham United	Lewis Sandoe
03 October	FA Cup	Salisbury v Dulwich Hamlet	Rob Ablitt

ASSISTANT REFEREE

03 October	EFL One	Leyton Orient v Plymouth Argyle	Steve Finch
03 October	EFL Two	Crewe Alexandra v Bristol Rovers	Jake Topp
03 October	National	Southend United v AFC Fylde	Alex Mathieson
03 October	FA Cup	Weymouth v SE Dons	Martin Bloor
06 October	EFL Trophy	AFC Wimbledon v Barnet	Adrian Tranter
06 October	EFL Trophy	Crawley Town v Bromley	Colman O'Meara
06 October	EFL Trophy	Milton Keynes Dons v Brentford Reserves	Declan O'Shea
06 October	EFL Trophy	Newport County v Plymouth Argyle	Keiran Forrest
06 October	EFL Trophy	Wycombe Wanderers v Bristol Rovers	Ross Murphy

FOURTH OFFICIAL

03 October	National	Aldershot Town v Carlisle United	Karl Sear
03 October	FA Cup	Dorking Wanderers v Chatham Town	Tom Baines
06 October	EFL Trophy	Crawley Town v Bromley	Connor Farrell



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Racism. Homophobia, Misogyny. Disablism.
If you have seen it or heard it, follow
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Together, we can put an end to it.



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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. CCS	1	Fleet Town	12	11	1	0	32	10	22	34	2.833
5. UCS	1	Knowle	9	8	1	0	28	5	23	25	2.778
5. ESL	2	Heybridge Swifts	7	6	1	0	19	3	16	19	2.714
5. WXP	1	Fareham Town	10	9	0	1	21	6	15	27	2.700
5. CCN	2	Broadfields United	10	8	2	0	29	7	22	26	2.600
5. SCP	2	Haywards Heath Town	9	7	2	0	20	5	15	23	2.556
5. CCN	1	Ardley United	12	10	0	2	34	7	27	30	2.500
5. SMP	1	Risborough Rangers	10	8	1	1	38	12	26	25	2.500
5. MLP	2	Runcorn Town	10	8	1	1	31	10	21	25	2.500
5. ECP	1	Thetford Town	10	8	1	1	29	10	19	25	2.500
5. MLP	1	Winsford United	12	10	0	2	27	10	17	30	2.500
5. CCS	2	Knaphill	12	10	0	2	25	13	12	30	2.500
5. WLP	2	Clevedon Town	11	9	0	2	36	8	28	27	2.455
5. UCN	1	Belper United	11	9	0	2	40	13	27	27	2.455
5. WLP	3	Portishead Town	9	7	1	1	37	9	28	22	2.444
5. UCN	2	Eastwood	9	7	1	1	32	12	20	22	2.444
5. ESL	1	Frenford	9	7	1	1	25	15	10	22	2.444
5. WLP	1	Bridgwater United	12	9	2	1	34	15	19	29	2.417
5. NWP	1	Nelson	10	8	0	2	30	13	17	24	2.400
5. MLP	3	Abbey Hulton United	10	8	0	2	23	17	6	24	2.400
League	Pos	STEP 6	PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
6. UC1	2	Clipstone	11	10	1	0	33	5	28	31	2.818
6. SS1	1	Ampthill Town	10	9	1	0	21	9	12	28	2.800
6. SWE	1	Cullompton Rangers	9	8	1	0	32	7	25	25	2.778
6. SC1	1	Infinity	11	10	0	1	33	13	20	30	2.727
6. SE1	3	Hythe Town	7	6	1	0	17	8	9	19	2.714
6. E1N	1	Holland	11	9	2	0	37	13	24	29	2.636
6. E1S	1	Hoddesdon Town	11	9	2	0	30	8	22	29	2.636
6. SWW	5	Callington Town	8	7	0	1	26	8	18	21	2.625
6. SS1	2	Eaton Socon	10	8	2	0	29	10	19	26	2.600
6. SWW	3	Penzance	9	7	2	0	25	4	21	23	2.556
6. WX1	1	New Milton Town	11	9	1	1	28	11	17	28	2.545
6. ML1	3	Lutterworth Athletic	13	11	0	2	42	12	30	33	2.538
6. SWW	1	AFC St Austell	13	10	3	0	38	10	28	33	2.538
6. NW1N	1	Maghull	13	11	0	2	31	10	21	33	2.538
6. NL2	1	Billingham Town	15	12	2	1	36	9	27	38	2.533
6. ML1	2	GNG Oadby Town	14	11	2	1	47	13	34	35	2.500
6. NL2	3	Boldon CA	14	11	2	1	32	12	20	35	2.500
6. NCE1	1	Brigg Town	14	11	2	1	32	13	19	35	2.500
6. SS1	3	Wellingborough Whitworth	10	8	1	1	25	15	10	25	2.500
6. UC1	1	Staveley Miners Welfare	13	10	2	1	38	14	24	32	2.462

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

STEP 5 PPG RANKING

Andover New Street	169
Baffins Milton Rovers	226
Bashley	49
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	282
Bournemouth	301
Brockenhurst	49
Christchurch	310
Cowes Sports	136
Downton	132
East Cowes Victoria Athletic	224
Fareham Town	4
Fleetlands	100
Hamble Club	111
Hamworthy Recreation	27
Horndean	179
Hythe & Dibden	243
Laverstock & Ford	92
Millbrook	42
Petersfield Town	260
Sherborne Town	244
Sturminster Newton United	105

STEP 6 PPG RANKING

AFC Aldermaston	275
Alresford Town	261
Amesbury Town	100
Ash United	180
Blandford United	199
Colden Common	180
Cove	47
Fawley AFC	56
Folland Sports	149
Frimley Green	147
Hamworthy United	292
Hedge End Rangers	154
Kintbury Rangers	276
Lymington Town	238
New Milton Town	11
Newport (Isle of Wight)	45
Ringwood Town	70
Romsey Town	180
Sandhurst Town	139
Totton & Eling	333
Whitchurch United	149

360PLAYER CLUB OF THE MONTH AWARDS

Premier Division

Aug-26	Andover New Street
Sep-26	Brockenhurst
Oct-26	
Nov-26	
Dec-26	
Jan-27	
Feb-27	
Mar-27	
Apr-27	



Division One

Aug-26	New Milton Town
Sep-26	Romsey Town
Oct-26	
Nov-26	
Dec-26	
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Mar-27	
Apr-27	



This month sees Romsey Town collect the accolades in Division One, only the second time since records have been kept that they have done so. Brockenhurst can better that, with this their first Club of the Month win! Congratulations to all involved at both clubs.

RESULTS ROUNDUP

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



Tuesday 29 September

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Folland Sports <i>Brad Hayward</i>	1-1	AFC Totton <i>[3-4 on penalties] Ibby Olateju</i>	48
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Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers	0-3	Millbrook <i>Callum Drake Scott Hills Tom Baker</i>	68
Cowes Sports <i>John McKie 45</i>	1-1	Hamble Club <i>Leo Taylor 79</i>	170
Downton	0-2	Brockenhurst <i>Toby Colmer 24 Sami Makhloufi 45+6</i>	173

Fleetlands <i>Kelvin Robinson 56 Joe Johnson 88</i>	2-1	Fareham Town <i>Lewis Waterfield 36</i>	298
Hythe & Dibden	0-1	Horndean <i>Gus Mackay 13</i>	19

Laverstock & Ford <i>Harvey Roberts Devon Arnold</i>	2-2	Andover New Street <i>Ollie Erdinc Harry Beckley</i>	198
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Division One

Lymington Town <i>Callum Taylor 20 James Coat 43 Harrison Fay 45 pen Kian Dugdale 90</i>	4-3	Hamworthy United <i>Mason Trevor 11 Tino Maher 63 Ryan Chavez-Munoz 90</i>	72
Romsey Town <i>Jamie Arnold 83</i>	1-3	Ringwood Town <i>Ollie Brown 21, 79 Lee Vint 47</i>	181

Wednesday 30 September

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup First Round

Royal Navy F.A. <i>David Osei 3 Craig Kingswell 51, 62 Sam Fisher 90</i>	4-1	Bournemouth Poppies <i>Lewis Harvey 72</i>	55
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Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Second Round

Hedge End Rangers	3-0	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	103
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*Nathan Rogers 4**Henry Bragginton 27**Sanchez McLean 65***Division One**

AFC Aldermaston	0-0	Alresford Town	40
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Thursday 1 October**Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round**

Brockenhurst	3-1	Broughton	55
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*Aaron Batista 18, 42**Sam Payne**Ashton Palmier 51***Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Second Round**

Colden Common	1-0	Christchurch	90
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*Jack Nicholas***Saturday 3 October****Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round**

Blandford United	0-2	Cowes Sports	281
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*Jake Scrimshaw 35**Charlie Marsek 38***Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Second Round**

Laverstock & Ford	2-1	Amesbury Town	224
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*Jake Watson**Callum Sweeney**Chae Sykes***Premier Division**

Bemerton Heath Harlequins	0-1	Millbrook	45
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Archie Greenough

Brockenhurst

2-2

East Cowes Victoria

107

*Toby Bailey**Jake Wright**Chika Ugwumba**Josh Neale*

Christchurch

4-4

Baffins Milton Rovers

103

*Marcus Smith**Flo Vucaj**Max Patmore**Chad Cornwell**James Storey [pen]**Jack Welch**Angel Younger**Curt Robbins*

Downton

2-3

Fareham Town

205

*OG 3**Joe Ryan 2, 35**Will Mackie 58**Stan Bridgman 24 pen*

Hamble Club

1-4

Hamworthy Recreation

134

*Jack Francis 20**Bailey Rowe 17 pen, 59**Eddie Hodge 30**Chris Long 84*

Horndean

2-2

Andover New Street

233

*Brad Lethbridge 45+2**Claudio Herbert**Henry Searle 90+5**Malachi Dotse*

Hythe & Dibden

1-2

Bashley

143

*OG 74**Luke Delaney 45 pen**Joe Freak 53*

Petersfield Town

2-2

Sturminster Newton United

158

*Iggy Cake 35**Will Guppy**Alfie Stringer 42**George Coleman*

Sherborne Town

0-0

Fleetlands

114

Division One

AFC Aldermaston <i>Alieu Manneh 43, 58, 75</i>	3-3	Fawley AFC <i>Adam Woodcock [2] Luke Dixon</i>	40
Ash United <i>Tayo Adekoya 51 Tom Weston 76</i>	2-0	Romsey Town	72
Cove <i>Will May 52 Nathan Connolly 64 Charlie Upson 89 Will Okine-Peters 90+2</i>	4-0	Hamworthy United	120
Folland Sports	0-2	Sandhurst Town <i>Conor Allison 16 Tiago Moreno 58</i>	72
Hedge End Rangers <i>Tom Nichols</i>	1-2	Ringwood Town <i>Lee Vint Ollie Brown</i>	90
Lymington Town <i>Harrison Fay 88</i>	1-1	Frimley Green <i>Dan Bone 38</i>	100
New Milton Town <i>Callum Clarke 11 Noel McCarthy-Gardiner 19</i>	2-1	Colden Common <i>Cal Archer 3</i>	254
Totton & Eling <i>Barney Gillooly Matt Hooper Archie Mullins</i>	3-2	Alresford Town <i>Alistair Brown Brett Denham</i>	123
Whitchurch United <i>Cameron George</i>	2-2	Newport (IOW) <i>Ji Nash 7, 65</i>	130

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 29 SEPTEMBER- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

FLEETLANDS 2-1 FAREHAM TOWN

Paul Harris was pitchside

A late decision to go to this local (2.1 miles apart) derby. This is probably the first time they've met in the league (this is Fleetlands' first season at step 5), although the Creeksiders did grab a 3-2 home win in the Hampshire Senior Cup in August.

The Coptermen started well at this level, four wins and a draw in the first five games, but this was tempered by three recent defeats. Fareham, relegated from the Isthmian, have started with a bang, eight league wins out of eight so far.

This was an enjoyable game, the home team putting in the same work rate and battling performance that I'd already experienced twice this season, and they toppled the leaders with a late winner. The visitors probably deserved a draw, since they hit the bar twice in the second half, but this was a really good performance by the Coptermen, defending well and looking good coming forward.

A tight start, with the away team probably showing the better football and looking quite dangerous. Ryan down the left produced a shot with home keeper Trojanowski saved with his legs. At the other end Robinson

got onto a poor back pass, but McCarthy saved. Duffin for Fareham then turned well but his effort was also saved. A Fleetlands break then ended disappointingly.

On 22 minutes a terrible back pass by Shaw for the home team saw Duffin one-on-one with Trojanowski, but the experienced striker put it wide. But the Creeksiders were on top at this point and a cross from the right saw Aston fire over, a long shot by Sibley was saved, and a cross-shot by Duffin was wide. The visitors eventually took the lead on 36 minutes as a high cross by Aston saw Duffin nod back and Lewis WATERFIELD fired into the net. The hosts rallied with a run by Page, who seemed to be through, but he turned back instead of going on to shoot. Just before the break another effort by Waterfield was wide.

HT 0-1

More of the same after the restart, it was again a right old battle with several yellow cards, some of which we felt were quite harsh. Both sides looked threatening on the break and it was the Coptermen who got the equaliser on 56 minutes, a corner on the left found its way to Kelvin ROBINSON on the far side and he found the top corner with a sweet strike.

The visitors came back as Dan Bennett headed wide from a corner and then a thunderous strike from Ridge from distance hit the bar. Both teams looked to win it and it was too close to call, but eventually on 88 minutes a defensive error saw sub Joe JOHNSON nip in and sweep the ball into the net for a dramatic winner. The visitors looked for an equaliser and in injury time Ridge again hit the bar, the ball went down the other end and sub Christian Bennett's cross shot from the left was just wide.

A good crowd with a big turnout from Fareham. This was my third visit to Powder Monkey Park this season.
FT 2-1

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION DOWNTON 0-2 BROCKENHURST

Jon Renyard was pitchside

A fifth league game of September for the Badgers, the last three on the road, and five wins: a very fine return by anyone's standards. This was another good away performance, although there were certainly moments in the second half when Brock rode their luck (and didn't take advantage of some opportunities to stretch the lead and put things to bed).

Another game which started fast – within a minute, one long ball forward from Sam Bradford found Owen Fee in behind the defence, but he shot straight at the very calm Stainer-Reid. The ball was on the floor more than in the opening stages at Sherborne, which was a blessing, and the ref was clearly in non-interventionist mode: much more physical contact than whistle, some challenges very surprisingly let go which resulted in more niggles than you might have expected. Brock were looking the more accomplished but not finding the killer ball. Moss pulled a shot across goal for the hosts, and then Wilcock beat Walker, cut inside and saw Stainer-Reid make an excellent near post save.

But 24 minutes: great work from the tireless Harry McGrath, holding the ball up and finding a ball into the box, superbly hooked over keeper Bartram and into the far corner by Toby COLMER – four goals in four games from midfield for him! The balance of play didn't really shift, Brock were largely playing on the counter but looked good doing so – 33 minutes, Makhloufi appeared to be cluttered, ref didn't intervene (see above), great cross into the box from Fee but equally good interception from Elliot Chaffey. Brock free kick sent in wickedly by Toby Bailey, headed out from under his own bar by Kieta... into overtime and the Robins seemed to have a clear chance but Fee's shot from a central position was deflected and bounced harmlessly through to Stainer-Reid, could have gone anywhere!

And finally, six minutes into that overtime caused by the injury, a clearance up to McGrath, held up superbly, moved across to Ugwumba, back to Sami MAKHLOUFI on the edge of the box and he curled a perfect shot round the keeper and just inside the far post.

HT 0-2

Brock had been the better side, and deserved their lead; I'm saying that with a reasonable degree of confidence because it's what the home fans were saying too. The second half didn't quite live up to the first: Downton brought more energy, and more long balls forward – and continued to win almost all their defensive headers – but lacked that moment of quality to haul themselves back into the game. A good start to the half from Brock, superb cross from the right from Palmier, just tipped behind by Bartram at the back post ahead of McGrath, the ensuing corner fractionally too high for Colmer who had a free header but couldn't direct it goalwards.

Inevitable pressure from the Robins – 51 minutes, a free kick bounced into the box and McGrath deflected it just wide of his own post, the resulting corner volleyed over the bar by Moss... Brock with chances on the break, a superb run from Colmer down the right but Brock unable to create a clear shooting opportunity, and then a clever pass from Makhloufi to McGrath, Cam Beard – the outstanding Robin on the night – making a great challenge to prevent a run on goal.

Brock were guilty of giving the ball away too cheaply during this period – more careful possession might have taken the sting out of the game, as well as chances to put the game beyond the hosts. Beard with a free header from a free-kick for Downton, over the bar... then a careless pass in midfield, Fee running clear on the left, his shot blocked and coming to Wilcock, deflected off Colmer and very well saved low down by Stainer-Reid.

A neat move from Brock, Makhloufi and Colmer finding Palmier who chose to shoot, well parried by Bartram. Clancy headed over for the Robins ... either side might have scored, neither did, and with four minutes to go the Badgers had a corner, close-range header McGrath – absolutely blinding save from Bartram, no idea how he kept that out. Brock were still presenting their hosts with opportunities, firstly when a clearance only went as far as Wilcock 40 yards out but with a lot of goal to aim at – wide. And then keystone cops, Stainer-Reid calling for the ball, defender headed it instead, and Stainer-Reid scrambled back to make a brilliant save at his near post to preserve the clean sheet.

FT 0-2

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER HAMPSHIRE SERVICIO SENIOR CUP FIRST ROUND

ROYAL NAVY FA 4-1 BOURNEMOUTH

Paul Harris was pitchside

An unusual encounter between two teams who wouldn't normally play each other. Royal Navy teams are always competitive, the Poppies are struggling in the Wessex Premier and on the back of six league and cup defeats in a row. It showed here.

It was hard to judge whether this was an upset or not, but the Navy played very well and were clearly the better side. They passed the ball well and their long balls to pacy forwards often had the Poppies' defence in trouble. Their opponents' style was much the same, but not as effective.

A lively start, and the hosts got off to a great start with a goal inside three minutes. A cross from the right was not cleared and David OSEI turned it in. At the other end, a good long ball from defence saw home keeper Bond tested for the first time.

Craig Kingswell led the line well for the Navy and he had the chance of a lob as the Poppies' keeper came out for the ball but didn't make it, but he was wide of the mark. Bond then gave the ball straight to a Poppies player, but he put it wide.

The hosts were still asking the questions and had a decent shout for handball in the area, then Kingswell was flattened as the keeper punched a ball clear. As we approached the break the visitors had a rare break and a 25-yard shot hit the top of the bar, then in injury time Kingswell set up Quirke, but he was just wide.

HT 1-0

After the restart the home side started to take over. Quirke's deflected shot forced a good save, then Quirke's free-kick was missed by all and was clawed away well at the far post. But from the corner the visiting keeper dropped the ball and KINGSWELL was on hand to double the Navy's lead on 51 minutes. A long ball then saw the keeper get there only just before Kingswell, but the third goal wasn't long coming; on 62 minutes, a free-kick saw a KINGSWELL header hit the keeper from point-blank range, before the ball went in.

Not long after that Osei headed a free-kick against the bar. But the hosts relaxed and the Poppies briefly came back into the game; Bond had to make a good save, but the corner was headed in by Lewis HARVEY to give the visitors a lifeline on 72. The Poppies then had a shot over the bar, and, near the end, a good effort just wide, but in injury time, the Navy got another goal as Sam FISHER was able to turn and wrongfoot the keeper at his near post.

FT 4-1

A good win for the Navy, who have the reward of a home tie with AFC Portchester in the next round. It seems as if they will be playing at West Leigh Park this season.

**WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER INDUSTRIAL BOILER'S WESSEX LEAGUE CUP SECOND ROUND
HEDGE END RANGERS 3-0 BEMERTON HEATH HARLEQUINS**

Robin Caddy was pitchside

A crowd of around 100 gathered at the Mortgage Decisions Stadium on Wednesday for the Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Second Round between Hedge End Rangers and Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

The main decision of the match came after 7 minutes when a fuse blew somewhere, causing one of the floodlights to go off, some of the lighting around the ground and the PA and scoreboard to fail. The referee was of the opinion that the match could proceed, and from my vantage point in the diagonally opposite corner to the problem floodlight I would say he was spot on.

Hedge End Rangers were already a goal to the good at this point - a 4th minute run down the right by Nathan ROGERS ended with a teasing cross. A slightly mishit teasing cross possibly, which went straight over the keeper and in to the net - still, they all count and the hosts are ahead.

On 27 minutes Rogers and Jack Moteane combine well on the right, keeping the ball alive which results in a couple of blocked shots before Henry BRAGGINTON scores from just outside the six yard box, 2-0.

HT 2-0

The second half was mostly notable for two or three furious downpours. Bemerton have a good spell around fifteen minutes in to the half, building some good moves, and creating three good chances in a matter of minutes.

Hedge End Rangers respond with a goal, which effectively kills off the game. A move down the right culminates with a goal for Sanchez MCLEAN, as he latches on to a poor back pass and scores from the edge of the penalty area. 3-0.

If you were going to pick out a man of the match in the gloom and the rain, Nathan Rogers was the pick of the bunch for me. The Harlequins may be struggling in the Premier Division, but take nothing away from Hedge End Rangers who were comfortably the better team on the night and their win never looked in doubt.

FT 3-0

**THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER RUSSELL-COTES BENEVOLENT CUP FIRST ROUND
BROCKENHURST 3-1 BROUGHTON**

Jon Renyard was pitchside

Unsurprisingly, Brock made a lot of changes for this one after Tuesday's win at Downton, great chance to get some minutes for those who don't start regularly. And it was quite an enjoyable game to watch – never really any jeopardy for Brock, who dominated possession throughout (I have no stats of course but there were long stretches where a visiting player barely touched the ball), but the visitors tried to play the right way and never gave up. They also had keeper Chris Redshaw to thank for keeping the scoreline respectable, he made some fine saves and while sometimes the luck went his way, he deserved that.

I'm not going to list all the chances Brock created and spurned in the opening stages, and they might have benefited occasionally from going a bit more direct and not, as someone near me put it, "pussyfooting about". Couple of decent saves from Redshaw, a block almost on the line from Sam Briggs, but the inevitable breakthrough came on 18 when Ashton Palmier burst through the middle, took the ball almost to the keeper and then squared it for Aaron BATISTA to have a tap-in.

Those chances kept coming – shots and crosses being blocked, deflected, spinning around in the box and not falling to a Brock player... Sam Quin had the first shot for the visitors on 27, straight at Stainer-Reid, but Batista should have added to his tally on 34, doing brilliantly to hold off his defender but having done the hard part, cleared the bar with his shot. And then the Badgers then got – well, not just a bit careless, quite a lot careless, and allowed both Sam Payne and Eldon Pompey to get shots away... but just before the interval, Palmier with another run down the left, his shot only parried and Aaron BATISTA had a second tap-in. Two goals from probably a combined three yards, but they all count!

HT 2-0

The second half didn't quite live up to the enjoyment of the first – balance and patterns disrupted by substitutions but also Brock were comfortable and they knew it, and there was no sting in the game. All the more so after 51 minutes, free kick to Brock 22 yards out, superbly hit by Ashton PALMIER and in off the underside of the bar for 3-0.

The visitors also started to tire but credit to them, they never stopped and Pompey in particular deserves a mention for chasing down every lost cause. Indeed he thought he had been rewarded on 54: a Broughton

player robbed Farrar and saw his shot well saved by Stainer-Reid, and Pompey found the net on the rebound but was offside.

Elliot Wells was lively for Brock but without the final ball, Dylan Andrews took a corner which was going in until superbly tipped over by keeper Redshaw, but Brock were often guilty of trying to walk the ball in, a venture deemed "doomed to failure" by those in the stands. And so it proved, because no more Badgers goals followed, and a minute from time Broughton got a reward for perseverance when a corner wasn't well cleared and was smashed home by PAYNE through the ruck from the edge of the box.

FT 3-1

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER INDUSTRIAL BOILER'S WESSEX LEAGUE CUP FIRST ROUND

BLANDFORD UNITED 0-2 COWES SPORTS

Luke Coakes was pitchside

After last weekends excellent 2-1 win at home against a very well drilled Whitchurch United side resulting in our first ever home win at this level we this weekend took a break from league action as we welcomed Wessex Premier League side Cowes Sports to Park Road in the Industrial Boiler's Wessex Football League Cup...

The Royals started well with a few chances the best one falling to Ruzika which had his low drilled shot well saved by Hatt after beating a few defenders, but on the 34th minute Cowes were avoided a free kick like 20 or so yards out which Jake SCRIMSHAW bent in, Goad probably should have done better.

Then 4 minutes later on the 38th minute a bad defensive mistake from the Royals fell to MARSEK who took advantage of it and made it two.

HT 0-2

The second half didn't really offer much, the Royals continued to have most of the ball but Cowes dealt with it all just about and a few good saves from the Cowes goalkeeper. Scrimshaw probably had the best chance of the half for Cowes but Lucas Goad got down really well and denied him!

FT 0-2

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

FOLLAND SPORTS 0-2 SANDHURST TOWN

Paul Harris was pitchside

A first visit to the Arrow this season - not seen the Fizzers, moved in from the Combined Counties, before. The Planemakers, who made the playoffs last season, were on a three-match winless run - admittedly two were against AFC Totton in cup competitions - and the visitors were four without a win, also two in the cups, so both teams were keen to get back on track today.

On the day, the visitors produced an impressive performance to win against a team who competed well, but were ultimately overpowered in midfield.

An early move by the hosts saw the ball go to Roach, whose shot was blocked. Down the other end some good passing saw an away goal given offside. But the Fizzers did take the lead on 16 minutes as a corner from the left was headed in powerfully by skipper Conor ALLISON. The visitors then took charge by winning most of the tackles on offer, and they created chances; a long shot from Conroy was wide; Sheppard had two headers from corners over, he then went off injured; and Cowler had a dribble but shot wide. He put a free-kick wide too. A ball to Moreno then saw excellent control but a home defender out in a great block to deny him.

The Planemakers came back into it a little before the break, Roach having a couple of efforts off-target. Roach was the main recipient of Follands' forward passes, obviously hoping his speed would trouble the Sandhurst defence. The Fizzers also came close before half-time, Allison hitting the outside of the post and Cowler forcing Widger into a decent save, Moreno putting the rebound wide.

HT 0-1

After the restart, the visitors again won the ball a lot and looked fairly comfortable. A Cowler header from a free-kick was easily saved, he also was just unable to get on the end of a great cross from Moreno. But his side went two goals clear on 58 minutes, a long ball in behind the home defence saw Tiago MORENO not picked up and he finished well. The home side made three subs and it made a slight difference, but the die was already cast.

Action at both ends: Roach set up Ferreira, who turned and shot over for the hosts. For the visitors, sub Davis' first touch was a shot straight at Widger after being put clear. Ferreira was set up well again but this time scuffed his shot. Allison then headed over for the Fizzers after a good cross from the left, and the last real action saw Roach on the left do well to get a decent shot in, but impressive keeper Pidgeon made his first real save with two minutes to go.

FT 0-2

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

HAMBLE CLUB 1-4 HAMWORTHY RECREATION

John Hutchings was pitchside

Rec bounced back from last week's defeat with an impressive win at Hamble. The hosts had been in good form near the top of the table and are strongly fancied for a promotion place, so this result was a great boost for Rec. It was a good, all-round showing, with plenty of notable performances - none more so than Sean Wright, in midfield, but everyone put in a shift.

The pitch was hard and bumpy and certainly didn't lend itself to perfect football, but it was Rec who started the better and went in front on 17 minutes. Bailey ROWE chased a ball downfield and was tripped by Doe, in the home goal, just inside the area, for a penalty. The Rec top scorer picked himself up and duly dispatched the spot-kick, low inside the post, for his ninth goal of the season.

Within three minutes the hosts were level. Rec were guilty of poor marking when a free-kick, into the danger zone, was headed in by FRANCIS - the ball going in off the post, for 1-1.

Back came Rec and Bailey Rowe and Ollie Davies were both denied by Doe before Rec re-gained the lead on the half-hour, with a delightful goal. Sean Wright fed Eddie HODGE, who dummied his marker and hit a glorious left-footer into the top corner, giving Doe no chance.

HT 1-2

Hamble started the second half looking livelier, with Barrow winning a free-kick, which was wasted by Mason, before Michel and Mason, again, had chances. But Rec added a third, on 59 minutes, when Davies' run into the area was blocked by Doe, with the ball running nicely for ROWE to tap in, from close-range and the Rec hot-shot nearly claimed a treble, soon after, when he just failed to connect with Chris Long's low cross.

Rec stopper, Shane Murphy, came to his side's rescue with a good block to deny Michel, from close-range, but it was Rec who stamped their authority on the game with a fourth goal, on 84. Bailey Rowe worked the ball to the tireless LONG, who hit a clever lob over the keeper, to complete a perfect awayday for Rec.

FT 1-4

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

BROCKENHURST 2-2 EAST COWES VICTORIA

Jon Renyard was pitchside

The fourth game in a crazy week for the Badgers, this one against East Cowes Vics... and Brock's long winning run came to an end with something of a whimper – not quite as sharp, not quite as accurate, and letting a promising position slide away.

And all that despite a very fast start – 3 minutes, Harry McGrath with a brilliant shot arrowed just wide of the near post from 25 yards with the keeper nowhere. One minute later, keeper George Bridi came for the ball outside the box, didn't make the best clearance, and Sami Makhoulfi curled a shot over from a similar distance. Chika Ugwumba was looking dangerous down the left, giving Caleb Dyer a torrid afternoon – his cross to the back post headed over by Colmer.

Even so, surely the Badgers' opener was coming... 11 minutes, a collision inside the Vics half, ball rebounding over the halfway line, Bailey fouled... and while the visitors were arguing, Toby BAILEY thought quicker than anyone else and hit a sensational shot from what must have been 60 yards... on target... keeper Bridi was near the edge of his box and got a hand to it but not enough. One of those goals that I won't be forgetting for a while... sensational.

Jake Wright then headed a corner out from under his own bar – and suddenly on 27 minutes, Vics woke up, Josh Neale making space on the edge of the box with some tidy feet but a tame shot straight at Stainer-

Reid. That was followed by a good break down the left from Charlie Haward but Will Bridi couldn't quite reach his cross... but then four minutes before the break, another unusual goal for Brock, McGrath flicking the ball on towards Ugwumba, keeper Bridi again left his box to challenge but his attempted clearance hit UGWUMBA 25 yards out and bounced goalwards... and in. So, 2-0... but in first half injury time, corner to Vics, recycled to the edge of the box and hammered through the ruck by Jake WRIGHT to pull one back (for my money he was the best player on the pitch so he deserved it).

HT 2-1

And, for whatever reason, the Badgers didn't ever really get going after the break. Vics stepped it up, brought a bit more urgency, and it changed the momentum completely. The visitors were certainly physical, and the ball was in the air more than I would like to see every week, but you can't criticise a team for playing to their strengths within the rules.

56 minutes, a chance for Haward after a shot was blocked, but his shot was tame. And then maybe the defining moment of the game. 58 minutes, Toby Bailey injured in midfield, in the end Brock were able to pull the ball out and Bailey had to be subbed: bad news for the Badgers, but made worse because Rossi clearly told the referee rather too strongly what he thought of the (lack of) decision and found himself in the sin-bin. And within two minutes of the restart, Vics levelled things up, a corner headed on and headed in unchallenged by Josh NEALE from close range. Vics had made the most of their man advantage and might have taken the lead before Brock were back up to full strength, Charlie Hart turning well in the box and making space for a shot which was powerful but... nowhere dangerous.

Vics stayed in the ascendancy, though, and Brock came under quite a lot of pressure. To be fair they withstood it pretty well, solid defending and the calm Stainer-Reid making some important takes. Was there to be a winner? A nearly-thing for Brock: again Bridi leaving his area to make a challenge, again not getting a clean clearance, rebounding towards goal but too slowly and, while McGrath followed it in, Snow was able to clear before it reached the line.

Then Makhoulfi with a shot which looked to be going over but dipped wickedly, brilliantly tipped onto the bar and over by Bridi... and still time for a couple of wild shots from Barnes and Weeks for Vics before the ref blew for full-time.

FT 2-2

FIXTURES 2026/27

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

Sunday 4 October

FA Youth Cup Second Round Qualifying

Sholing v Fareham Town

Tuesday 6 October

Berks and Bucks Senior Cup Second Round

Aylesbury Park Dynamos v Sandhurst Town

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup First Round

Fareham Town v Frimley Green

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Second Round

Bashley v Ringwood Town

Hamworthy Recreation v Baffins Milton Rovers

Hythe & Dibden v Hamble Club

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Bournemouth Poppies v Horndean

Fleetlands v Petersfield Town

Millbrook v Sturminster Newton United

Division One

Blandford United v Totton & Eling

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

New Milton Town v Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Wednesday 7 October

Division One

Whitchurch United v Hedge End Rangers

Thursday 8 October

Southampton Senior Cup First Round

Bashley v AFC Stoneham

Saturday 10 October

FA Vase First Round

Amesbury Town v Avonmouth

Buckland Athletic v Hamworthy Recreation

Cove v Tooting & Mitcham United

Cowes Sports v Middlezoy Rovers

Forest Row v Ash United

Hedge End Rangers v Devizes Town

Highworth Town v Hamworthy United

Mangotsfield United v Fleetlands

New Milton Town v Brockenhurst

Newquay v Sturminster Newton United

Romsey Town v Bridgwater United

Sherborne Town v Andover New Street

Premier Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v East Cowes Victoria Athletic

Fareham Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Hamble Club v Bournemouth Poppies
Horndean v Downton
Laverstock & Ford v Christchurch
Millbrook v Bashley
Petersfield Town v Hythe & Dibden

Division One

Alresford Town v Folland Sports
Fawley AFC v Blandford United
Newport (IOW) v Kintbury Rangers
Ringwood Town v Colden Common
Sandhurst Town v Totton & Eling

Sunday 11 October

FA Vase First Round

AFC Aldermaston v Pagham

Tuesday 13 October

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Second Round

East Cowes Victoria v Cowes Sports

Premier Division

Bashley v Christchurch
Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Bournemouth Poppies
Fleetlands v Millbrook
Hamble Club v Fareham Town
Laverstock & Ford v Downton

Division One

Amesbury Town v Fawley AFC
Cove v Alresford Town
Folland Sports v Romsey Town
Lymington Town v Newport (IOW)

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

Brockenhurst v Hedge End Rangers
Ringwood Town v Hythe & Dibden

Saturday 17 October

Premier Division

Bashley v Horndean
Bournemouth Poppies v Baffins Milton Rovers
Brockenhurst v Hamble Club
Downton v Cowes Sports
Hamworthy Recreation v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Millbrook v East Cowes Victoria Athletic
Petersfield Town v Fareham Town
Sherborne Town v Laverstock & Ford
Sturminster Newton United v Andover New Street

Division One

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

Tuesday 20 October

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup First Round

Folland Sports v Army FA

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Cowes Sports v Ringwood Town

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Hamworthy Recreation
Baffins Milton Rovers v Fleetlands
Brockenhurst v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Downton v Bashley
Horndean v Hamble Club
Millbrook v Petersfield Town

Division One

Newport (IOW) v Totton & Eling

Southern Combination Challenge Cup Second Round

Sheerwater v Cove

Wednesday 21 October

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Hedge End Rangers v AFC Stoneham

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Bournemouth Poppies

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Whitchurch United

Saturday 24 October

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Baffins Milton Rovers
Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Petersfield Town
Cowes Sports v Sherborne Town
East Cowes Victoria Athletic v Christchurch
Fareham Town v Sturminster Newton United
Fleetlands v Bournemouth Poppies
Hamble Club v Bashley
Hamworthy Recreation v Horndean
Hythe & Dibden v Millbrook
Laverstock & Ford v Brockenhurst

Division One

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

Tuesday 27 October

Wiltshire Premier Shield First Round

Devizes Town v Downton
Highworth Town v Laverstock & Ford
Swindon Supermarine v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Second Round
Andover New Street v Brockenhurst
Millbrook v Horndean
Petersfield Town v AFC Aldermaston

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Totton & Eling v Crofton Saints

Premier Division

Christchurch v Hythe & Dibden
Cowes Sports v Fleetlands
Hamble Club v East Cowes Victoria Athletic

Division One

Folland Sports v Ringwood Town

Wednesday 28 October

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Second Round

Baffins Milton Rovers v AFC Bournemouth

Thursday 29 October

Division One

Colden Common v Ash United

Saturday 31 October

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Fareham Town

Baffins Milton Rovers v Hamworthy Recreation

Bournemouth Poppies v Cowes Sports

East Cowes Victoria Athletic v Bashley

Fleetlands v Brockenhurst

Horndean v Laverstock & Ford

Petersfield Town v Christchurch

Sherborne Town v Millbrook

Sturminster Newton Utd v Bemerton Heath H'quins

Division One

AFC Aldermaston v Hedge End Rangers

Amesbury Town v Romsey Town

Ash United v Lymington Town

Colden Common v Newport (IOW)

Cove v Totton & Eling

Fawley AFC v Alresford Town

Folland Sports v Kintbury Rangers

Frimley Green v New Milton Town

Ringwood Town v Sandhurst Town

Whitchurch United v Hamworthy United

WISH YOU WERE HERE..... BARBADOS

After the two articles on Portugal, John Gorman takes a look at a different culture and a different standard of football on an island that is steeped in cricket - its national sport.

Barbados is the South Eastern most island in the Caribbean and covers an area of 166 square miles – 21 miles from north to south and 14/15 miles across at its widest point – and is now also a cruise ship port. The climate has a dry and wet mixture with the second half of the year wet and humid with occasional heavy downpours but the early months are dry. The temperature ranges from 22 to 32 degrees through the year and sport is rarely badly affected.

In the world of football Barbados is shown as number 179 in the FIFA World rankings (out of 211) and will obviously struggle to climb very much higher. Away from the National side – more about that to follow - there is a 10 club senior league and a number of lesser leagues spread across the Island.

Of the clubs in the Senior League, four are based in Bridgetown, the capital, three in Christ Church, around the International Airport, and three in small towns or villages across the Island. The leading side in the League is the oddly named Weymouth Wales who are professional and appear to win either the league or cup or both most seasons. They have won the league and cup on 22 and 15 occasions respectively and will no doubt add to those once the current close season finishes.

The National side currently compete in the North and Central American CONCACAF Nations League – League B with the likes of Aruba, St Lucia, Guadeloupe, St. Maarten and Bermuda and their opening fixture was scheduled for September 26th against St Lucia, a 2-0 win. Recent internationals have ended in defeat at the hands of The Grenadines, St. Vincent and St. Lucia and football will never rival cricket on the national or international stage.

The Island has a National Stadium with a capacity of 5000 which, depending as to what you read, appears to be in a considerable state of disrepair. Only two other stadiums are mentioned – the Sir Garfield Sobers Sports Complex and the Usain Bolt Complex (yes, named after the Jamaican athlete!) – both of which can hold 1000 spectators and have artificial playing surfaces. There are obviously smaller grounds across the Island with some suggestions that games are played at the Kensington Oval, the Test Match ground at the heart of West Indies cricket -which is sacrilege of the highest order!

Football in the Caribbean is far different to what we enjoy here but football is a world-wide game and long may that be the case.

If I may finish on a personal note, I have been fortunate to visit the lovely Island for cricket and I bought a local paper one morning and was horrified to find that Barbados had played a football World Cup Qualifying tie the previous evening which I would obviously like to have attended. To this day however I have never been able to find if any game was actually played – but then again the West Indies nation exists under the premise “that there is always tomorrow”.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Fixtures shown are reproduced in good faith and subject to alteration or late cancellation. Kick off times may vary at grounds where there are no floodlights, if you intend going, please check with the hosts
In this section, an [] in any league table means point adjustments have been made.*

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE – SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

RESULTS

Tuesday 29 September

Egham Town 3-3 Jersey Bulls

Hendon 0-0 Ashford Town (Middlesex)

Windsor & Eton 2-2 AFC Stoneham

Saturday 3 October

Binfield 1-3 Bedfont Sports

Egham Town 2-0 AFC Stoneham

Harrow Borough 1-2 Ashford Town (Middlesex)

Hartley Wintney 0-1 AFC Portchester

Hayes & Yeading United 0-0 Moneyfields

Hendon 0-1 Westfield

Jersey Bulls 4-2 Ascot United

Kingstonian 4-5 Bognor Regis Town

Littlehampton Town 0-1 Raynes Park Vale

Winchester City 4-2 Windsor & Eton

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Bognor Regis Town	9	7	2	0	18	9	9	23	2.556
2	AFC Portchester	8	4	4	0	8	2	6	16	2.000
3	Winchester City	9	4	3	2	21	9	12	15	1.667
4	Jersey Bulls	7	4	3	0	14	9	5	15	2.143
5	Raynes Park Vale	8	5	0	3	13	14	-1	15	1.875
6	Westfield	7	4	2	1	13	7	6	14	2.000
7	Hendon	7	3	3	1	17	9	8	12	1.714
8	Hartley Wintney FC	7	3	2	2	16	9	7	11	1.571
9	Ashford Town (Middlesex)	8	3	2	3	15	12	3	11	1.375
10	Kingstonian	7	3	2	2	20	18	2	11	1.571
11	Bedfont Sports	9	3	2	4	14	17	-3	11	1.222
12	Windsor & Eton	7	3	1	3	15	15	0	10	1.429
13	Egham Town	7	3	1	3	12	15	-3	10	1.429
14	Southall FC	5	2	3	0	12	9	3	9	1.800
15	Moneyfields	8	2	3	3	9	9	0	9	1.125
16	Cobham	8	3	0	5	9	15	-6	9	1.125
17	Harrow Borough	9	2	2	5	14	17	-3	8	0.889
18	Ascot United	9	2	1	6	15	24	-9	7	0.778
19	Littlehampton Town	10	1	3	6	11	23	-12	6	0.600
20	Hayes & Yeading United	5	1	2	2	8	10	-2	5	1.000
21	AFC Stoneham	6	0	2	4	5	13	-8	2	0.333
22	Binfield	8	0	1	7	6	20	-14	1	0.125

FIXTURES

Sunday 4 October

Southall v Cobham

Tuesday 6 October

AFC Stoneham v Jersey Bulls
Ascot United v Hayes & Yeading United
Ashford Town (Middlesex) v Egham Town
Bedfont Sports v Southall
Bognor Regis Town v Hartley Wintney
Moneyfields v Winchester City
Raynes Park Vale v Harrow Borough
Westfield v Kingstonian

Saturday 10 October

AFC Portchester v Ashford Town (Middlesex)
Ascot United v Harrow Borough
Bedfont Sports v Westfield
Bognor Regis Town v Binfield
Cobham v Egham Town
Kingstonian v Jersey Bulls
Littlehampton Town v Hendon
Moneyfields v Hartley Wintney
Raynes Park Vale v AFC Stoneham
Winchester City v Southall
Windsor & Eton v Hayes & Yeading United

SOUTHERN LEAGUE – DIVISION ONE SOUTH

RESULTS

Tuesday 29 September

Bideford 1-3 Dorchester Town
Bishops Cleeve 1-0 Hartpury FC
Bristol Manor Farm 0-0 Barnstaple Town
Hungerford Town 2-1 Sporting Club Inkberrow
Melksham Town 1-2 Worcester Raiders
Portland United 1-2 Falmouth Town
Shaftesbury 1-1 Willand Rovers
Tiverton Town 2-2 Paulton Rovers
Westbury United 3-0 Swindon Supermarine

Wednesday 30 September

Exmouth Town 2-5 Weymouth
Slimbridge 0-1 Larkhall Athletic

Saturday 3 October

Bideford 2-0 Portland United
Bishops Cleeve 3-0 Melksham Town
Falmouth Town 2-1 Larkhall Athletic
Hartpury FC 2-1 Barnstaple Town
Slimbridge 1-2 Bristol Manor Farm
Sporting Club Inkberrow 3-1 Shaftesbury
Swindon Supermarine 0-1 Dorchester Town
Tiverton Town 2-2 Worcester Raiders
Westbury United 2-1 Exmouth Town

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Dorchester Town	8	7	0	1	17	10	7	21	2.625
2	Weymouth FC	7	6	1	0	21	7	14	19	2.714
3	Bishops Cleeve	7	6	0	1	18	3	15	18	2.571
4	Swindon Supermarine	8	6	0	2	17	9	8	18	2.250
5	Hungerford Town	8	4	2	2	11	7	4	14	1.750
6	Sporting Club Inkberrow	8	4	2	2	14	11	3	14	1.750
7	Falmouth Town	9	4	2	3	15	13	2	14	1.556
8	Westbury United	9	4	2	3	12	13	-1	14	1.556
9	Worcester Raiders	9	3	4	2	13	13	0	13	1.444
10	Willand Rovers	7	3	2	2	14	10	4	11	1.571
11	Hartpury FC	8	3	2	3	11	12	-1	11	1.375
12	Shaftesbury	10	3	1	6	16	17	-1	10	1.000
13	Exmouth Town	7	3	1	3	10	14	-4	10	1.429
14	Bideford AFC	9	2	4	3	14	19	-5	10	1.111
15	Portland United	7	2	2	3	11	10	1	8	1.143
16	Bristol Manor Farm	9	1	5	3	7	12	-5	8	0.889
17	Barnstaple Town	10	2	1	7	13	17	-4	7	0.700
18	Paulton Rovers	8	1	4	3	8	13	-5	7	0.875
19	Tiverton Town	7	1	3	3	8	10	-2	6	0.857
20	Larkhall Athletic	9	2	0	7	12	20	-8	6	0.667
21	Melksham Town	8	1	2	5	5	15	-10	5	0.625
22	Slimbridge AFC	6	1	0	5	4	16	-12	3	0.500

FIXTURES

Tuesday 6 October

Bishops Cleeve v Worcester Raiders

Tiverton Town v Hartpury FC

Wednesday 7 October

Slimbridge AFC v Portland United

Saturday 10 October

Barnstaple Town v Paulton Rovers

Bristol Manor Farm v Westbury United

Dorchester Town v Hartpury FC

Exmouth Town v Slimbridge AFC

Hungerford Town v Falmouth Town

Larkhall Athletic v Bishops Cleeve

Melksham Town v Bideford

Portland United v Sporting Club Inkberrow

Shaftesbury v Tiverton Town

Willand Rovers v Swindon Supermarine

Worcester Raiders v Weymouth

HAMPSHIRE SERVIO SENIOR CUP NEWS

In case you missed it on page 6, don't forget to tune in to our Radio Show tomorrow, Sunday 4 October, when the Third Round draw will be made for the Hampshire Servio Senior Cup- at around 12:15.

Wessex clubs left are Andover New Street, Baffins Milton Rovers, Bashley, Fareham Town and Horndean from our Premier Division and Division One outfit Ringwood Town.

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Saturday 3 October

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

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy First Round

Hamworthy United Reserves 6-3 Balti Sports
 Verwood Town 3-1 Maiden Newton & Cattistock

Somerset Melhuish & Saunders Senior Cup Second Round

Westland Sports 2-1 Ashcott

Hampshire PTS Compliance Saturday Trophy First Round

AFC Netley 0-0 Bournemouth Sports [4-2 on penalties]

TABLE

POS	DORSET PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Dorchester Sports	10	8	1	1	32	16	16	25	2.500
2	Cobham Sports	10	7	2	1	30	10	20	23	2.300
3	Swanage Town & Herston	10	7	1	2	30	17	13	22	2.200
4	Holt United	10	7	0	3	25	10	15	21	2.100
5	Bournemouth Electric	10	5	4	1	25	10	15	19	1.900
6	Balti Sports	8	6	0	2	32	16	16	18	2.250
7	Gillingham Town	11	4	1	6	22	30	-8	13	1.182
8	Westland Sports	7	3	3	1	19	12	7	12	1.714
9	Wimborne Town Reserves	9	4	0	5	23	22	1	12	1.333
10	Bournemouth Sports	9	3	2	4	23	22	1	11	1.222
11	Portland United Reserves	10	3	2	5	18	23	-5	11	1.100
12	Sherborne Town Reserves	9	3	2	4	20	32	-12	11	1.222
13	Wareham Rangers	10	3	1	6	16	24	-8	10	1.000
14	Hamworthy United Reserves	10	3	1	6	25	36	-11	10	1.000
15	Verwood Town	10	2	2	6	16	28	-12	8	0.800
16	Mere Town	10	2	2	6	14	29	-15	8	0.800
17	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	11	0	0	11	11	44	-33	0	0.000

FIXTURES

Saturday 10 October

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

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Saturday 3 October

Broughton 1-5 Liss Athletic

Moneyfields Reserves 2-0 Locks Heath

Overton United 3-0 US Portsmouth

uhlsport Hampshire Premier League Cup First Round

Meon Milton 1-0 Paulsgrove

Hampshire PTS Compliance Saturday Trophy First Round

AFC Netley 0-0 Bournemouth Sports [4-2 on penalties]

Blackfield & Langley 2-2 Clanfield Development [5-6 on penalties]

Crofton Saints 2-3 AFC Shirley

Hook 4-0 Fleetlands U23

Liphook United 3-2 North Waltham

Sherfield English A-W Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Southsea Sports 8-0 Brading Town

Whitehill & Bordon 7-2 Rushmoor Community

TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Moneyfields Reserves	10	7	3	0	26	9	17	24	2.400
2	AFC Shirley	7	7	0	0	26	4	22	21	3.000
3	Hook	10	6	3	1	36	22	14	21	2.100
4	Whitehill & Bordon	10	6	2	2	16	15	1	20	2.000
5	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	9	5	1	3	31	20	11	16	1.778
6	Southsea Sports	9	5	1	3	16	12	4	16	1.778
7	AFC Netley	9	5	1	3	14	11	3	16	1.778
8	Blackfield & Langley	10	4	3	3	20	20	0	15	1.500
9	Overton United	10	4	1	5	19	13	6	13	1.300
10	Liphook United	10	4	0	6	13	26	-13	12	1.200
11	Meon Milton	9	3	1	5	17	21	-4	10	1.111
12	Locks Heath	7	3	0	4	22	11	11	9	1.286
13	Crofton Saints	8	3	0	5	10	12	-2	9	1.125
14	US Portsmouth	11	3	0	8	17	28	-11	9	0.818
15	Liss Athletic	7	2	1	4	11	13	-2	7	1.000
16	Broughton	10	2	0	8	11	31	-20	6	0.600
17	Denmead	10	0	1	9	8	45	-37	1	0.100

FIXTURES

Saturday 10 October

AFC Shirley v Moneyfields Reserves

Blackfield & Langley v Meon Milton

Broughton v Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Hook v Crofton Saints

Liphook United v Southsea Sports

Liss Athletic v Denmead

Locks Heath v US Portsmouth

Overton United v AFC Netley

RESULTS

Tuesday 29 September

Devizes Town Reserves 4-5 Melksham Town Reserves

Friday 2 October

Bradford Town Reserves 0-1 Trowbridge Town

Saturday 3 October

Fairford Town Reserves v Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development

Melksham Town Reserves 0-1 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves

Pewsey Vale 0-4 Hungerford Town Development

Shrewton United 1-3 Down Ampney

Shrivenham 3-2 Bishops Cannings

Wroughton 0-5 Devizes Town Reserves

Somerset Melhuish & Saunders Senior Cup Second Round

Brislington Reserves 1-2 Larkhall Athletic Development

TABLE

POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Shrivenham	11	9	1	1	48	10	38	28	2.545
2	Melksham Town Reserves	11	9	0	2	30	11	19	27	2.455
3	Faringdon Town	10	7	1	2	38	16	22	22	2.200
4	Bishops Cannings	12	6	1	5	32	36	-4	19	1.583
5	Hungerford Town Development	11	5	2	4	34	26	8	17	1.545
6	Trowbridge Town	8	5	2	1	18	10	8	17	2.125
7	Shrewton United	11	5	1	5	32	17	15	16	1.455
8	Pewsey Vale	12	5	0	7	18	31	-13	15	1.250
9	Larkhall Athletic Development	7	4	2	1	20	10	10	14	2.000
10	Purton Kingsdown	8	4	2	2	17	15	2	14	1.750
11	Down Ampney	12	4	1	7	20	38	-18	13	1.083
12	Park United	10	3	3	4	17	15	2	12	1.200
13	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development	9	3	2	4	12	20	-8	11	1.222
14	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves	8	3	1	4	19	14	5	10	1.250
15	Devizes Town Reserves	10	2	3	5	19	24	-5	9	0.900
16	Fairford Town Reserves	9	2	1	6	7	26	-19	7	0.778
17	Wroughton	10	1	0	9	5	41	-36	3	0.300
18	Bradford Town Reserves	9	0	1	8	8	34	-26	1	0.111

FIXTURES

Tuesday 6 October

Fairford Town Reserves v Purton Kingsdown

Pewsey Vale v Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development

Wiltshire Senior Cup First Round

Shrewton United v Trowbridge Town

Wednesday 7 October

Hungerford Town Development v Melksham Town Reserves

Park United v Larkhall Athletic Development

Saturday 10 October**Charles Twelftree Trophy Second Round**

AFC Winkfield v Faringdon Town

Burghfield v Hungerford Town Development

Shrivenham v Newbury Town

Senior League

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves v Larkhall Athletic Development
Bishops Cannings v Park United
Bradford Town Reserves v Shrewton United
Down Ampney v Purton Kingsdown
Fairford Town Reserves v Wroughton
Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development v Devizes Town Reserves
Trowbridge Town v Pewsey Vale

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

RESULTS

Sunday 27 September

Hampshire Combination Under 18 Cup First Round

AFC Portchester 2-1 AFC Stoneham Knights
AFC Stoneham Athletic 2-0 Fareham Town Black
Andover New Street 0-7 Sholing
Cowes Sports 1-2 Eastleigh Spitfires
Eastleigh 1946 0-1 Christchurch
Fareham Town Creeksiders 2-0 Fareham Town Reds
Wimborne Town v AFC Stoneham United *Home walkover*
Winchester City Red 5-0 Paulsgrove Athletic

Hampshire Combination Under 18 Cup Second Round

Gosport Borough 4-0 Millbrook

Under 18 Premier Division

Hamble Club 2-4 Moneyfields
Holt United 0-11 Havant & Waterlooville
Petersfield Town 1-2 Cobham Sports

Tuesday 29 September

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup First Round

Hamble Club 0-6 Romsey Town
Select Generation 1-2 Laverstock & Ford

Under 23 Premier Division

AFC Stoneham 5-0 Ringwood Town

Under 23 East Division

Andover Town 3-2 Baffins Milton Rovers

Wednesday 30 September

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup First Round

Fawley AFC 5-2 Fareham Town

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup Second Round

Bashley 0-5 New Milton Town

Thursday 1 October

Under 23 East Division

United Services Portsmouth 3-3 Fleetlands
Whiteley Wanderers 1-4 Folland Sports

Saturday 3 October

Hampshire Combination Challenge Cup 1st Round

Liss Athletic 6-2 Clanfield

Premier Division

AFC Stoneham 7-1 Meon Milton

Division One

Alresford Town 6-1 Nursling & Shirley
Fawley AFC 2-2 Hedge End Rangers

TABLES

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Pagham	3	2	0	1	12	3	9	6
2	Downton	2	2	0	0	7	1	6	6
3	AFC Stoneham	2	1	1	0	7	1	6	4
4	Laverstock & Ford	2	1	1	0	11	6	5	4
5	Petersfield Town	2	1	1	0	3	0	3	4
6	Meon Milton	4	1	1	2	14	14	0	4
7	Hythe & Dibden	3	1	0	2	4	13	-9	3
8	Clanfield	4	1	0	3	5	16	-11	3
9	Liss Athletic	3	0	2	1	6	8	-2	2
10	Brockenhurst	1	0	0	1	3	10	-7	0

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hedge End Rangers	4	3	1	0	15	6	9	10
2	AFC Netley	3	2	1	0	9	4	5	7
3	Nursling & Shirley	4	2	1	1	8	8	0	7
4	Alresford Town	2	2	0	0	10	4	6	6
5	Clanfield Development	4	1	2	1	5	3	2	5
6	Fawley AFC	5	0	3	2	10	13	-3	3
7	Bishops Waltham Dynamos A	3	0	1	2	3	8	-5	1
8	Crofton Saints	2	0	1	1	3	8	-5	1
9	Denmead	3	0	0	3	1	10	-9	0

POS	UNDER 23 PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Totton U23	4	2	2	0	12	7	5	8
2	Ringwood Town U23	3	1	1	1	4	8	-4	4
3	AFC Stoneham U23	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
4	Winchester City U23	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
5	Select Generation U23	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
6	Fareham Town 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

POS	UNDER 18 PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Cobham Sports U18	4	4	0	0	11	3	8	12
2	Moneyfields U18	4	4	0	0	19	6	13	12
3	Havant & Waterlooville U18	4	3	0	1	19	6	13	9
4	Winchester City Red U18	2	2	0	0	8	2	6	6
5	Wimborne Town U18	3	1	2	0	9	5	4	5
6	Gosport Borough U18	3	1	0	2	6	9	-3	3
7	Petersfield Town U18	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
8	Hamble Club U18	4	0	1	3	6	11	-5	1
9	Fareham Town Reds U18	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
10	AFC Stoneham Knights U18	2	0	0	2	0	11	-11	0
11	Sholing U18	2	0	0	2	4	7	-3	0
12	Holt United U18	3	0	0	3	1	20	-19	0

FIXTURES

Sunday 4 October

Under 18 Premier Division

Holt United v Sholing

Winchester City Red v Wimborne Town

Under 18 East Division

Fareham Town Black v AFC Portchester

Newport IoW v Paulsgrove Athletic

Under 18 West Division

New Milton Town v Christchurch

Tuesday 6 October

John Stimpson Memorial Shield 2nd Round

Select Generation v Whiteley Wanderers

Under 23 Premier Division

AFC Totton v Ringwood Town

Hamble Club v Winchester City

Under 23 East Division

Romsey Town v Fleetlands

U.S. Portsmouth v Hayling United

Under 23 West Division

Downton v Laverstock & Ford

Wednesday 7 October

Under 23 Premier Division

Dorchester Town v AFC Stoneham

Under 23 West Division

Verwood Town v Bashley

Thursday 8 October

Under 23 Premier Division

Fareham Town v Poole Town

Under 23 West Division

Totton & Eling v Fawley AFC

Saturday 10 October

Hampshire Combination Challenge Cup 2nd Round

Denmead v AFC Stoneham

Premier Division

Brockenhurst v Liss Athletic

Downton v Petersfield Town

Hythe & Dibden v Clanfield

Meon Milton v Laverstock & Ford

Division One

Bishops Waltham Dynamos A v Alresford Town

Clanfield Development v Fawley AFC

Crofton Saints v AFC Netley

JOHN STIMPSON MEMORIAL SHIELD 2026/2027 THIRD ROUND

AFC Stoneham v Clanfield Development

Bashley U23 v Verwood Town or Nursling & Shirley

Dorchester Town U23 or AFC Netley v Laverstock & Ford or Hayling United U23

Fareham Town U23 v AFC Totton U23 or Bishops Waltham or Fleetlands U23

Pagham v Crofton Saints

Ringwood Town U23 v Petersfield Town or Meon Milton

Romsey Town U23 v Alresford Town or Liss Athletic

Winchester City U23 v Select Generation U23 or Whiteley Wanderers U23

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	10	9	0	1	21	6	15	27	2.700
2	Hamworthy Recreation	10	7	2	1	28	12	16	23	2.300
3	Hamble Club	14	6	5	3	34	20	14	23	1.643
4	Brockenhurst	11	7	1	3	23	18	5	22	2.000
5	Millbrook	10	7	0	3	17	9	8	21	2.100
6	Sturminster Newton United	12	6	2	4	25	16	9	20	1.667
7	Downton	13	6	2	5	29	23	6	20	1.538
8	Laverstock & Ford	11	5	4	2	27	19	8	19	1.727
9	Bashley	9	6	0	3	22	11	11	18	2.000
10	Fleetlands	10	5	2	3	19	18	1	17	1.700
11	Horndean	12	5	1	6	19	18	1	16	1.333
12	Cowes Sports	10	4	3	3	15	14	1	15	1.500
13	Hythe & Dibden	16	4	3	9	22	28	-6	15	0.938
14	Andover New Street	10	3	5	2	19	12	7	14	1.400
15	Baffins Milton Rovers	11	3	3	5	18	22	-4	12	1.091
16	Sherborne Town	13	2	6	5	13	22	-9	12	0.923
17	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	10	2	5	3	16	21	-5	11	1.100
18	Petersfield Town	11	2	3	6	15	26	-11	9	0.818
19	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	12	2	2	8	16	41	-25	8	0.667
20	Bournemouth Poppies	10	1	1	8	6	25	-19	4	0.400
21	Christchurch	11	0	2	9	13	36	-23	2	0.182

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	New Milton Town	11	9	1	1	28	11	17	28	2.545
2	Ringwood Town	13	7	4	2	28	19	9	25	1.923
3	Amesbury Town	13	7	2	4	26	30	-4	23	1.769
4	Cove	9	6	1	2	21	11	10	19	2.111
5	Frimley Green	13	6	1	6	30	22	8	19	1.462
6	Fawley AFC	9	5	3	1	18	11	7	18	2.000
7	Newport (IOW)	8	5	2	1	24	12	12	17	2.125
8	Sandhurst Town	11	5	2	4	21	14	7	17	1.545
9	Folland Sports	11	5	1	5	24	19	5	16	1.455
10	Whitchurch United	11	4	4	3	23	25	-2	16	1.455
11	Lymington Town [*]	14	4	4	6	20	35	-15	15	1.071
12	Colden Common	10	4	1	5	22	21	1	13	1.300
13	Romsey Town	10	4	1	5	20	19	1	13	1.300
14	Ash United	10	3	4	3	17	17	0	13	1.300
15	Hedge End Rangers	9	4	1	4	13	16	-3	13	1.444
16	Alresford Town	13	3	3	7	18	26	-8	12	0.923
17	Blandford United	9	3	2	4	16	18	-2	11	1.222
18	AFC Aldermaston	12	2	4	6	18	21	-3	10	0.833
19	Kintbury Rangers	11	2	3	6	15	28	-13	9	0.818
20	Hamworthy United	11	2	2	7	19	25	-6	8	0.727
21	Totton & Eling	10	1	0	9	12	33	-21	3	0.300

THE LAST WORD

We are pleased to share that applications are now open for Cash4Clubs, an award-winning scheme supporting grassroots sports clubs across the UK and Ireland.

£500,000 in funding is available, including 225 grants of £2,000 and five transformational grants of £10,000.

Whether it's improving facilities, purchasing new equipment, or helping secure a club's long-term future, this funding could make a real difference to local sports organisations and the communities they serve.

Grassroots sport plays a vital role in bringing people together, promoting physical and mental wellbeing, and creating opportunities for people of all ages to get involved in their community.

If you are involved with a sports club, I would urge you to apply.

Applications are open now

Grants of £2,000 and £10,000 available

Deadline: 1 January 2027

The grants will be awarded next year, so don't miss this opportunity to give your club a welcome boost heading into 2027.

To find out more please head to their webpage here: <https://cash4clubs.org/>



Also a word of warning here, there seems to be a number of phishing emails going the rounds yet again.

Please remain vigilant and check in with each other if you receive anything suspicious. A quick message between us can prevent anyone from being caught out.

PHOTO FINISH



Midweek action captured by Robin Caddy, after the temporary lights issue and before the rain came down- where Hedge End Rangers (blue) hit three without reply against Bemerton Heath Harlequins to reach the Third Round of the Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup in their first season with us



Roger Allen was at Ash United (green) today where the hosts hit two without reply in this Division One match against Romsey Town



Courtesy of Les Chase, action today from New Milton Town (yellow and blue), where the hosts beat Colden Common by the odd goal in three. All goals came inside the first 20 minutes in this Division One contest.



Industrial Boiler's League Cup action today from Park Road, where the hosts Blandford United (blue) went down 2-0 against Premier League opposition in the shape of Cowes Sports.

