THE WESSEX POST

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WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE

WELCOME TO EDITION NUMBER 22 - WEEK ENDING SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

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

The Wessex Post will be published each Saturday night. Please would all contributors note that the deadline for anything is 21:30 on the Saturday and this includes match reports- all home clubs are reminded to get their reports in before then, although if an away side does the report that will also be welcome. It should also be noted that whilst all contributions are welcome, they are subject to editorial scrutiny.

KICK OFF



Midweek action to open this week- from Hamble (yellow) reproduced courtesy of Robin Caddy, which saw the Monks overcome AFC Totton in the Southampton Senior Cup.

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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	5,733	35	163.80	1,415	2,459	53,190
17-Oct-26	4,369	32	136.53	-1,364	357	57,559
24-Oct-26	1,874	20	93.70	-2,495	-963	59,433
31-Oct-26	3,164	30	105.47	1,290	-2	62,597
07-Nov-26	3,933	31	126.87	769	560	66,530
14-Nov-26	4,034	29	139.10	101	1,274	70,564
21-Nov-26	**3,276**	**32**	**102.38**	**-758**	**1,345**	**73,840**
28-Nov-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
05-Dec-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
12-Dec-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
19-Dec-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
26-Dec-26	*	*	*	*	*	*
02-Jan-27	*	*	*	*	*	*
09-Jan-27	*	*	*	*	*	*
16-Jan-27	*	*	*	*	*	*
23-Jan-27	*	*	*	*	*	*
30-Jan-27	*	*	*	*	*	*
06-Feb-27	*	*	*	*	*	*

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ATTENDANCE STATISTICS 2026/27

TEAM	25/26 AVGE	26/27 AVGE	+/-	+/- AS A %	26/27 BEST
AFC Aldermaston	45.00	39.58	-5.42	-12.04%	50.00
Alresford Town	136.88	140.73	3.85	2.81%	192.00
Amesbury Town	72.38	84.63	12.25	16.92%	152.00
Andover New Street	186.11	191.33	5.22	2.81%	238.00
Ash United	70.95	71.00	0.05	0.07%	176.00
Baffins Milton Rovers	97.84	83.86	-13.98	-14.29%	100.00
Bashley	0.00	212.42	212.42	0.00%	253.00
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	138.74	104.20	-34.54	-24.90%	312.00
Blandford United	0.00	311.00	311.00	0.00%	385.00
Bournemouth	70.42	78.10	7.68	10.91%	105.00
Brockenhurst	161.21	125.63	-35.59	-22.07%	161.00
Christchurch	92.79	95.33	2.54	2.74%	150.00
Colden Common	72.43	84.50	12.07	16.66%	143.00
Cove	87.38	120.00	32.62	37.33%	135.00
Cowes Sports	203.58	159.13	-44.46	-21.84%	223.00
Downton	132.16	183.83	51.67	39.10%	260.00
East Cowes Victoria	184.63	176.40	-8.23	-4.46%	241.00
Fareham Town	0.00	326.38	326.38	0.00%	486.00
Fawley	69.95	110.13	40.18	57.43%	202.00
Fleetlands	105.67	113.36	7.69	7.28%	298.00
Folland Sports	70.62	90.56	19.94	28.23%	158.00
Frimley Green	117.20	72.22	-44.98	-38.38%	107.00
Hamble Club	90.84	108.50	17.66	19.44%	178.00
Hamworthy Recreation	46.37	116.33	69.96	150.88%	163.00
Hamworthy United	97.38	103.13	5.75	5.90%	123.00
Hedge End Rangers	0.00	101.57	101.57	0.00%	179.00
Horndean	0.00	138.09	138.09	0.00%	233.00
Hythe & Dibden	90.68	103.11	12.43	13.71%	143.00
Kintbury Rangers	80.14	80.22	0.08	0.10%	94.00
Laverstock & Ford	128.11	145.80	17.69	13.81%	251.00
Lymington Town	79.52	93.60	14.08	17.71%	126.00
Millbrook	76.11	73.50	-2.61	-3.43%	103.00
New Milton Town	138.95	242.60	103.65	74.60%	351.00
Newport IOW	136.38	385.71	249.33	182.82%	493.00
Petersfield Town	169.26	143.00	-26.26	-15.51%	241.00
Ringwood Town	60.67	63.18	2.51	4.14%	112.00
Romsey Town	121.29	190.00	68.71	56.65%	240.00
Sandhurst Town	0.00	92.78	92.78	0.00%	145.00
Sherborne Town	124.11	117.78	-6.33	-5.10%	177.00
Sturminster Newton United	0.00	225.08	225.08	0.00%	402.00
Totton & Eling	112.19	115.57	3.38	3.01%	164.00
Whitchurch United	114.43	93.00	-21.43	-18.73%	140.00

Premier Division running total	28,616	Average	145.26
Division One running total	21,347	Average	116.65

STAT ATTACK

TOP TEN LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

PREMIER DIVISION			DIVISION ONE		
Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy Recreation	14	Ji Nash	Newport IOW	18
Max Wilcock	Downton	14	Dan Bone	Frimley Green	15
Devon Arnold	Laverstock & Ford	12	Ollie Brown	Ringwood Town	12
Josh Neale	East Cowes Victoria	12	Reggie Hodan	Colden Common	11
John McKie	Cowes Sports	11	Minhaz Chowdhury	Ash United	10
Joe Freak	Bashley	11	Harrison Fay	Lymington Town	10
Jack Welch	Baffins Milton Rovers	11	James Tennant	Alresford Town	9
Harry Beckley	Andover New Street	11	Arran Moore	Amesbury Town	9
Chris Long	Hamworthy Recreation	9			

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*

Fareham Town	vs	Hamworthy Recreation	486	14 November
Downton	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	451	28 August
Fareham	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	408	10 October
Fareham Town	vs	Bashley	407	12 September
Sturminster Newton United	vs	Christchurch	402	4 August

DIVISION ONE — *Top five league attendances*

Newport IOW	vs	Fawley AFC	493	1 September
Newport IOW	vs	Frimley Green	453	26 September
Newport IOW	vs	Folland Sports	421	14 November
Newport IOW	vs	Kintbury Rangers	406	10 October
Blandford United	vs	Sandhurst Town	385	17 October

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	Andover New Street	vs	Hamworthy Recreation	1-5	20 October
	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	vs	Laverstock & Ford	1-5	9 September

DIVISION ONE- HIGH WINNING SCORES

Home win	Newport IOW	vs	Totton & Eling	8-0	20 October
	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	Colden Common	vs	Hedge End Rangers-	4-4	17 October
	Whitchurch United	vs	Colden Common	4-4	1 August

MOST GOALS IN A GAME

Premier Division	Downton	vs	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	8-1	[9]	28 August
	Downton	vs	Cowes Sports	7-2	[9]	17 October
Division One	Amesbury Town	vs	Folland Sports	6-4	[10]	1 August

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

Reproduced courtesy of the Non-League HQ team, an invaluable source of information, to find out more check them out here- https://www.nonleaguehq.com/

League	Pos	STEP 5	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
5. ESL	1	Heybridge Swifts	16	14	2	0	44	7	37	44	2.750
5. WLP	2	Portishead Town	16	14	1	1	72	13	59	43	2.688
5. UCN	1	Eastwood	14	12	1	1	53	17	36	37	2.643
5. MLP	1	Northwich Victoria	16	13	2	1	47	9	38	41	2.563
5. WLP	1	Clevedon Town	18	15	0	3	54	12	42	45	2.500
5. SMP	1	Risborough Rangers	16	13	1	2	58	17	41	40	2.500
5. SMP	2	Tring Athletic	15	12	1	2	35	15	20	37	2.467
5. SCP	1	Haywards Heath Town	18	14	2	2	45	15	30	44	2.444
5. NWP	1	Droylsden	17	13	2	2	42	15	27	41	2.412
5. WXP	1	Fareham Town	17	13	2	2	38	12	26	41	2.412
5. NWP	2	Nelson	15	12	0	3	43	19	24	36	2.400
5. CCS	2	Fleet Town	18	13	4	1	41	16	25	43	2.389
5. ESL	2	Hullbridge Sports	16	12	2	2	36	15	21	38	2.375
5. CCN	1	North Greenford United	19	14	3	2	54	21	33	45	2.368
5. UCS	1	Knowle	14	10	3	1	32	13	19	33	2.357
5. CCN	2	Broadfields United	17	12	4	1	45	13	32	40	2.353
5. NC1	1	Bishop Auckland	23	17	3	3	61	20	41	54	2.348
5. ECP	1	March Town United	19	13	5	1	48	18	30	44	2.316
5. CCN	3	Ardley United	16	12	1	3	39	13	26	37	2.313
5. UCS	3	Northampton ON Chenecks	13	9	3	1	26	11	15	30	2.308

League	Pos	STEP 6	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
6. SWE	1	Cullompton Rangers	16	15	1	0	66	13	53	46	2.875
6. SC1	1	Infinity	18	16	1	1	54	16	38	49	2.722
6. SS1	3	Ampthill Town	14	12	2	0	36	16	20	38	2.714
6. SS1	1	Wellingborough Whitworth	16	14	1	1	54	24	30	43	2.688
6. ML1	1	GNG Oadby Town	20	17	2	1	70	15	55	53	2.650
6. E1S	1	Hoddesdon Town	17	14	3	0	54	13	41	45	2.647
6. NL2	3	Boldon CA	19	16	2	1	47	16	31	50	2.632
6. SWW	1	Penzance	16	13	3	0	41	8	33	42	2.625
6. E1N	1	Holland	18	15	2	1	69	25	44	47	2.611
6. HL1	2	Wantage Town	14	11	2	1	38	13	25	35	2.500
6. ML1	2	Lutterworth Athletic	21	17	1	3	56	17	39	52	2.476
6. SS1	2	Eaton Socon	17	13	3	1	45	14	31	42	2.471
6. WX1	1	Cove	15	12	1	2	40	16	24	37	2.467
6. NL2	1	Jarrow	22	16	6	0	66	15	51	54	2.455
6. UC1	1	Clipstone	20	16	1	3	60	19	41	49	2.450
6. NL2	2	Billingham Town	21	16	3	2	53	16	37	51	2.429
6. NW1S	2	Wolverhampton Casuals	14	11	1	2	31	11	20	34	2.429
6. NCE1	2	Brigg Town	20	15	3	2	53	14	39	48	2.400
6. WX1	2	New Milton Town	15	11	3	1	36	16	20	36	2.400
6. NW1N	1	Maghull	18	14	1	3	42	15	27	43	2.389

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

STEP 5 PPG RANKING		STEP 6 PPG RANKING	
Andover New Street	146	AFC Aldermaston	214
Baffins Milton Rovers	134	Alresford Town	230
Bashley	59	Amesbury Town	122
Bemerton Heath Harlequins	294	Ash United	118
Bournemouth	301	Blandford United	176
Brockenhurst	95	Colden Common	244
Christchurch	290	Cove	13
Cowes Sports	169	Fawley AFC	89
Downton	91	Folland Sports	152
East Cowes Victoria Athletic	238	Frimley Green	152
Fareham Town	9	Hamworthy United	287
Fleetlands	177	Hedge End Rangers	114
Hamble Club	71	Kintbury Rangers	299
Hamworthy Recreation	25	Lymington Town	248
Horndean	82	New Milton Town	18
Hythe & Dibden	257	Newport (Isle of Wight)	77
Laverstock & Ford	72	Ringwood Town	81
Millbrook	54	Romsey Town	168
Petersfield Town	284	Sandhurst Town	50
Sherborne Town	280	Totton & Eling	330
Sturminster Newton United	196	Whitchurch United	280

CLUB NEWS

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



In the Wiltshire Premier Shield, **Laverstock & Ford** have been drawn at home in the Quarter Final against the winners of the Chippenham Town Bradford Town tie, which, at time of writing, is scheduled for 1 December.

Jordan Chapman (*left, courtesy of Sammy Avis*) reached a milestone for **East Cowes Victoria** this afternoon, making his 300th appearance for the Beatrice Avenue outfit.

Nick Taplin is pictured below presenting Daryn Brewer, the Chair of **Fareham Town** with the Club of the Month award for October in the Premier Division in the week.



THE NUMBERS GAME

14,700	8	34,000
The number of days since the first Wessex game was played, a League Cup tie- with games at Bashley, Bournemouth, Newport IOW, Road Sea Southampton, Sholing Sports and Wellworthy Athletic	Number of Emirates FA Cup Second Round ties that will be shown live on TV next month.	The longest club football away day of 2026 is this round trip in kilometres that ended in a heavy defeat at the hands of fourth-tier Châteaubriant for New Caledonian club Horizon Patho in Coupe de France 7th Round

Not often that we get an email about the Wessex Post, but couldn't let this one go by without comment;

Hi there
I live in Poole, follow non-league football and read your newsletter every week wherever I may be. I spend my time watching Poole, Wimborne and both the Hamworthy teams.
I am sitting here reading yesterday's edition, believe or not, in our hotel in Thimphu in Bhutan.
Tell John Gorman that I would have enjoyed his article anyway but with added interest as I am in Bhutan. We did a tour today which went past the football stadium and we stopped to watch the police lady directing the traffic, it is quite an art. Thanks to you both for your excellent work for the newsletter

It has kind of made your Editor wonder where in the world this publication has reached before… anyone out there in New Caledonia?

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Appointment notifications for former Wessex League Match Officials

REFEREE

21 November	National	Worthing v Harrogate Town	Matt Russell
24 November	National	Woking v Worthing	Lewis Sandoe

ASSISTANT REFEREE

20 November	National	Southend United v Boreham Wood	Steve Finch & Adrian Tranter
21 November	Premier	Newcastle United v Arsenal	Dan Cook
21 November	Championship	Lincoln City v Wrexham	Alex James
21 November	EFL Two	Barnet v Port Vale	Colman O'Meara
21 November	EFL Two	Crawley Town v Fleetwood Town	Declan O'Shea
21 November	National	Wealdstone v Hornchurch	Dean Treleaven
24 November	Championship	Portsmouth v West Ham United	Alex James
24 November	National	Hornchurch v Sutton United	Alex Mathieson
24 November	National	Hornchurch v Sutton United	Karl Sear
24 November	EFL Trophy	Tranmere Rovers v Everton Res	Jake Topp

FOURTH OFFICIAL

24 November	National	Eastleigh v Yeovil Town	Dean Treleaven





TODAYS THE DAY

An occasional ramble through sporting events and our results on this day in days gone by.

1973 (The "Ghost Match"): The Soviet Union refused to play the 1974 FIFA World Cup play-off second leg against Chile at the Estadio Nacional in Santiago due to political atrocities and human rights abuses committed following the military coup led by Augusto Pinochet. The USSR forfeited the match, and the Chilean team kicked off and scored into an empty net to claim a 1–0 walkover victory and qualify for the World Cup

1974: Goalkeeper Peter Shilton completed a £325,000 transfer to Stoke City, setting a new world-record fee for a goalkeeper at the time.

Wessex League results from today in days gone by

11	*Years ago*	Premier Division, 21 November 2015 AFC Portchester 6-0 Team Solent Bournemouth 0-1 Horndean Brockenhurst 3-3 Hamworthy United Fawley 1-1 Alresford Town Verwood Town 3-2 Whitchurch United Division One AFC Stoneham 0-1 Amesbury Town Alton Town 0-3 Romsey Town Christchurch 2-1 Totton & Eling Downton 4-0 Pewsey Vale Hythe & Dibden 3-2 Ringwood Town Laverstock & Ford 2-0 Fleet Spurs Portland United 6-0 New Milton Town United Services Portsmouth 2-0 Andover New Street
37	*Years ago*	Division One, 21 November 1989 Newport IOW 6-1 Portsmouth Royal Navy Thatcham Town 2-0 Fleet Town
39	*Years ago*	Division One, 21 November 1987 Bashley 4-0 Steyning Town Bournemouth 1-0 Portsmouth Royal Navy Havant Town 5-0 Christchurch Lymington Town 1-3 East Cowes Victoria Newport IOW 3-0 Brockenhurst Sholing Sports 2-2 Wimborne Town Wellworthy Athletic 0-0 Eastleigh




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RESULTS ROUNDUP

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



Tuesday 17 November

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Third Round

Winchester City	4-1	Andover New Street	55
Sam Godfroy 30		*Izzy Kaba 20*	
Lewis Brown 49, 77			
Wilf Hawes 69			

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Baffins Milton Rovers	0-3	Hythe & Dibden	40
		Ash Pope [2]	
		Charlie White	

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Second Round

Fareham Town	1-3	Cove	135
Joe Goddard 85		*Steve Lee*	
		Will May	
		Luke Perkins	

Premier Division

Bashley	1-2	Laverstock & Ford	165
Joe Freak		*Cam Roach 69*	
		Adam Bourner 70	
Cowes Sports	2-6	Millbrook	89
Scott McFarlane		*Scott Hills [3]*	
Ryan Oatley		*Braydon Douglas*	
		Callum Drake	
		Mendy Masuku	
Downton	2-1	Fleetlands	124
Will Mackie 10		*Max Blake 80*	
Max Wilcock 69			

Division One

Hamworthy United	0-2	Amesbury Town	97
		Tommy Nelson 34	
		Dyllan Roocroft 64	

Aldershot Senior Cup First Round

Sandhurst Town	0-4	Knaphill	92
		Lewis Pearch 25	
		Matt Copland 72, 80	
		Ross Cheek 79	

Southampton Senior Cup Second Round

AFC Totton	1-2	Hamble Club	136
Ed Young 2		*OG 28*	
		Ed Sanders 52	

Southampton Senior Cup Third Round

Ringwood Town	0-1	Bishops Waltham Dynamos *Sam Knighton 6*	40

Wednesday 18 November

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Third Round

Hedge End Rangers *Jake Gould 34, 45*	2-1	East Cowes Victoria *Will Bridi 38*	67

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup First Round

Clanfield	0-7	New Milton Town *Callum McHale 26, 52* *Luca Lane 29* *Brad Snelling 38* *Joe Roberts 45, 50* *Leo Clarke 76*	*

Thursday 19 November

Division One

Colden Common *Owen Sims 2* *Reggie Hodan 38*	2-2	Ash United *Louis Lindsay 8* *Oli Lycett 44 pen*	90

Saturday 21 November

Premier Division

Andover New Street *George Bennett 5*	1-1	Cowes Sports *George Carter-Knight*	158
Bashley *Luke Delaney 90+2 pen*	1-0	Hythe & Dibden	193
Bournemouth Poppies	0-3	Hamworthy Recreation *Chris Long 39, 72* *Sean Wright 67*	105
Brockenhurst	0-1	Downton *Max Wilcock 14*	131
Christchurch *Jamie Hosking 40* *Sergii Ismail 90*	2-3	Millbrook *Archie Greenough 32* *Braydon Douglas 84* *Josh Ball 86*	51
East Cowes Victoria Athletic	0-5	Fareham Town *Stan Bridgman 7, 28* *Elliott Holmes 45+1* *Conor Whiteley 81, 86*	241
Fleetlands	0-0	Sherborne Town	64
Hamble Club *Nick Yeomans 3, 50* *Ollie Davies 55* *Chase Michel 70* *Jack Francis 76 pen*	5-2	Laverstock & Ford *Cam Roach 12* *Fraser Colmer 43 pen*	101
Horndean *Brad Lethbridge 6* *Josh Millo 24* *Eric Dellaud 90+1*	3-0	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	111
Sturminster Newton United	0-0	Baffins Milton Rovers	152

Division One

AFC Aldermaston	0-2	Hamworthy United	35
		Reuben Moggeridge 4, 59	
Alresford Town	4-1	Totton & Eling	129
James Tennant		*Leo Cassar*	
Ash Neal			
Brett Denham			
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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 17 NOVEMBER- SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP SECOND ROUND
HAMBLE CLUB 2-1 AFC TOTTON

Tim Smith was pitchside

Hamble Club progressed to the third round of the Southampton Senior Cup with a 2-1 victory over a youthful AFC Totton side which was much more comprehensive than the scoreline suggests. The match had been switched to The Abbey at short notice and the home side certainly made their advantage count.

The Monks put out a strong live-up, with nine of the of the team who had played in Saturday's 6-1 Wessex League rout of Christchurch, whilst the Stags side was made up entirely of under-23 players. So it was a

shock when Ed YOUNG put the visitors ahead in the fourth minute, racing on to a through ball to slot the ball past keeper Ben Rodwell.
After an even first 20 minutes the home team began to dominate in front of the 136-strong crowd, with the Stags reduced to looking for further quick breaks as their attacking threat. A low effort from Ramon Barrow was saved by Keanu Black at his near post before a cross shot from the right by Jordan Cunningham led to an under-pressure Totton defender putting the ball into his own net to level the scores.
The Monks deserved to be level and continued to press the Totton defence with Joel Ghosh firing over from distance soon after the goal, Oli Davies having a shot deflected wide and Reggie Buckland having an effort disallowed for offside. Totton did pose a rare threat in the 37th minute when another through ball saw Mostafa Mostafa one-on-one with the keeper but he couldn't contrail the ball and Rodwell gathered easily.
HT 1-1
The Hamble coaching staff were clearly frustrated that their side hadn't made their dominance count in the first period and may have had a few words at half-time.
And it took only seven minutes of the second half for the Monks to make their pressure count, A corner from Jake Adams was met with a towering Ed SANDERS header from the edge of the six yard box to make it 2-1.
The rest of the half was very much one-way traffic. On the hour Barrow had a shot blocked by Black in the Totton goal, to be followed by sub Omarion Mason putting his strike just wide of the post and a free kick headed just wide by Leo Taylor.
On 75 minutes a speculative cross shot by Barrow had to be tipped over the bar by Black, who then had to take similar action to deal with a cross from Buckland. Taylor had the final good chance of the game six minutes from time when his turn and shot were met with a low save from Black.
Hamble's physical presence showed during the game which felt a bit like men against boys, especially in a one-sided second half, so they advance to a third round home tie with Fawley.
FT 2-1

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER- WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
HAMWORTHY UNITED 0-2 AMESBURY TOWN
Tony Beck was pitchside
Hamworthy United were looking to convert their much-improved performances into much needed points, but their 6th placed Wiltshire visitors would not be easy opposition, especially on the back of their recent big weekend win at Frimley Green. After last Saturday Toby Pain, making his home league debut, replaced Josh Taylor who is still nursing his injured back. The bench included newly signed central defender, 23-year-old Taylor Edwards, who has moved across from Hamworthy Recreation, having also played for a number of other local clubs.
It was certainly the Hammers asking the early questions. On three minutes, Reuben Moggeridge's well worked free kick was met by a crisp far post header by Alfie Phillips, but the diving Blues' stopper Mike Horne did well to push the ball into touch. Toby Pain fired a low shot just wide, before Moggeridge's 25 yard free kick agonizingly struck the far corner joint of the goal before reaching safety. In the 10th minute, a good move that resulted in Josh Malpas finding the back of the net, only for United to be undone by an offside flag.
It was against the run of play when Amesbury opened the scoring 34 minutes in, but some goal it was. After the home defence failed to clear their lines, a low cross from the right came in from Jack Higdon. This was met by an unstoppable scissor kick at the far post, across the keeper, by Tommy NELSON. It was only the brilliance of Ryan Knibbs that denied the Town a second goal three minutes later, showing remarkable reaction to push around the post a blistering shot by Higdon.
On the stroke of half time, Blues' man Arran Moore looked certain to score after rounding Knibbs, but fortunately for the Hammers he miscued his final shot well wide. In what had effectively been a half of two halves, the Hammers were still in the game, showing no lack of effort, but really had to start now converting their chances into goals when on top.
HT 0-1
It looked as if they had done just that four minutes after the restart, Pain slipping the ball through to a clear Malpas to the right of goal, but the United wide-man could only smash his shot just behind the goal frame. Another defensive error however, was to cost the Hammers dear on 64 minutes. A long straight clearance

kick by Horne avoided every defender. It still looked as though the advancing Ryan Knibbs would deal with it, but he appeared to hesitate as Dyllan ROOCROFT charged forward to nurse the ball into the open net.
The Hammers never gave up the fight, their closest remaining effort coming on 79 minutes when Pain fired just over from a lay-off by substitute Ryan Chavez-Munoz. It would be harsh to be critical of the Hammers on what was certainly a gutsy performance. Against a very good team, their defence looked basically sound, both Blues' goals again down to isolated defensive errors. If one of United's many early decent chances had paid dividends, it might have been a different story, and the seeds for a recovery of their season are certainly in place.
FT 0-2

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER- INDUSTRIAL BOILER'S WESSEX LEAGUE CUP THIRD ROUND
HEDGE END RANGERS 2-1 EAST COWES VICTORIA
Paul Harris was pitchside
My Tuesday choice having been rained off, I switched to Wednesday for my midweek game this time, and a potentially interesting cup clash in the catchily-named Wessex Football League Industrial Boilers Cup. Division One Rangers are still doing pretty well in their first season at this level whereas Premier Division Vics are in uneven form. A chance of an upset, then, and so it proved.
This was a good game, fast-paced, mostly in heavy rain, where the home team took their chances and defended well to deny Vics, who were certainly on top in the second half.
The visitors started well and a good break on the left saw a cross-shot from Neale go narrowly wide. At the other end, a cross from the left saw a shot from Taylor hit the post. A free-kick from long distance from Needs then looked to be heading for the top corner but away keeper George Bridi did well to keep it out. Soon after this the Vics hit the post too, this time a header by West from a free-kick.
On the half hour a shot by Lamb was spilled by George Bridi in difficult conditions and Gould fired the rebound over. Williams also had a shot saved, but on 34 minutes the visitors were denied by a good save by Downs from a corner, the ball went up the other end, and GOULD on the right lifted the ball nicely over the keeper to give Rangers the lead.
Vics came straight back and applied some pressure, and equalised after 38 minutes as a nice attack down the left saw a good finish by sub Will BRIDI. At the end of the half a scramble from a Vics corner saw the ball cleared off the line, there were suspicions (and appeals) that it had actually crossed.
Then, with the last kick of the half, GOULD curled a superb free-kick into the top corner to restore the lead.
HT 2-1
After the restart, the visitors were largely in control; Downs made a couple of good saves from Boyd-Kerr but the home side soaked up a lot of pressure and defended well. Downs made two more good saves, one from Yates, and towards the end Rangers started to look dangerous on the break and Moteane had a shot saved, and the hosts held out and rightly celebrated a notable result.
FT 2-1

WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER- RUSSELL-COTES BENEVOLENT CUP FIRST ROUND
CLANFIELD 0-7 NEW MILTON TOWN
Roger Ware was pitchside
It was a wild, wet and windy Wednesday evening, the first team galloped to a terrific 7-0 win away to Clanfield in the Russell-Cotes Cup.
At Havant, where Clanfield were the hosts, the Brickies made a fast start, but could not make an immediate breakthrough. Inside the first two minutes, fit-again Joe Roberts sent a shot against the woodwork and moments later Callum McHale fired just over the bar. McHale was soon goal-hunting again, but this time his effort was cleared off the line. The tale of early frustration continued Niall Dixon's effort went too high after he latched onto a corner, then Brad Snelling fired just wide before forcing a diving save from the home keeper.
Young Brodie Hayworth, making his first team debut, did well to stifle Clanfield's first decent raid before the floodgates were finally opened at the other end. Callum McHALE, having been thwarted twice, made it third time lucky, slotting home after being put through by Brad Snelling. That was on 26 minutes, and three minutes later Luca LANE's pot-shot from 30 yards rocketed home for 2-0.

Joe Roberts had a shot well saved, and Niall Dixon sent the rebound wide - but the third goal was not long coming. With 38 minutes on the clock, Brad SNELLING was first to get his head to a corner and sent it sailing into the net. It was totally one-way traffic. Luca Lane saw a fine effort deflected over the bar, then raced through on Brad's pass but saw his shot saved.

There was just time for one last blast before the break, and it brought the fourth goal. Callum McHale broke through on goal - the keeper could only push away his shot, and Joe ROBERTS neatly netted the rebound.

HT 0-4

The tie was essentially over, but the Brickies - and certainly Joe ROBERTS- were still very much in the mood. Just five minutes into the second half he shrugged off several challenges and slotted the ball neatly past the Clanfield keeper for his second of the night. Another two minutes, another goal, this time Callum McHALE with his own second, an opportunist effort from just inside the box to make it six with just 52 minutes on the clock - amazingly all six goals within a window of 26 minutes!

After that, the Brickies' foot did come off the gas a little although there were a variety of worthy attempts and near misses from McHale, Dixon, Snelling and sub Pietro Almeida before the seventh goal landed on 76 minutes. It came from Leo CLARKE, the Under-18s player taking a leaf out of big brother Callum's scorebook with his first senior goal. Brad Snelling won another heading duel from a corner, and it was blocked, but young Clarke was there to nod it in from close range.

Leo was in the mood now, and he nearly brought up a great eight. He broke clear but fired just wide. But on the night Brickies did not need to be even more goal-greedy, a 7-0 scoreline in Havant & Waterlooville's smart Westleigh Stadium, was more than enough, not only to put them into the next round, but also to have given valuable experience on the night to Under-18s Brodie Hayworth and Leo Clarke and several from the U23 squad. New Milton officials rated Hayworth's performance the best of the night on this first senior appearance. And there was a Clarke family reunion when Callum came on as a sub late in the game.

FT 0-7

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

EAST COWES VICTORIA 0-5 FAREHAM TOWN

Russ Chapman was pitchside

Vics welcomed Premier Division Table toppers Fareham Town to the JA Dempsey Community Stadium for this eagerly awaited fixture. Before the game Vics presented long serving player Jordan Chapman with a memento for his 300th appearance in the red, white and black of Vics. With manager Alex Smith away and co-manager Elliot Wheeler playing, assistants Andy Rann and Stuart Simmonds took the helm. Vics with a full quota of players today, started with a strong side, with Adam Biss, Jake Wright and Liam Triggs all fit enough for the bench.

Fareham set their intentions from the off and 5 minutes in , forcing George Bridi into a great save from Dan Bennett's effort. Two minutes later and Fareham took the lead, Bridi's save popping out to Stan BRIDGMAN Who side footed home. Vics were working hard tracking some great Fareham movement and had snippets in the first 25 minutes but couldn't carve open any real chances.

Fareham scored again in the 28th minute, a great block from Elliot Wheeler, just fell nicely for Stan BRIDGMAN, who fired home for his and Fareham's second.

Joe Ryan's effort on 30 minutes was saved by Bridi. A wonderful move and final pass from Bridgman found Sam Paul, clean through on goal, his effort well blocked by Bridi on 35 minutes.

Vics were still working hard and at times playing some intelligent football, but were stunned when Elliott HOLMES effort on 45+1 somehow squirmed under Bridi and trickled over the line.

HT 0-3

The second half continued with the same intensity, Fareham dictating play but Vics working really hard to thwart any danger, apart from half chances for Joe Ryan and a couple of off target headers from Dan Bennett, Vics were containing the possible champions, efforts from Will Bridi and Elliot wheeler, just not quite good enough for Vics.

Fareham's fourth came in the 81st minute, another save from Bridi, the young keeper unable to hold the shot and the ball popped out to Conor WHITELEY, in the right place to slot home.

Henri Grahams super strike in the 84th minute crashed against the upright with Bridi flat footed. Fareham got a fifth on 86 minutes, WHITELEY all alone in the box fired home for his brace.

FT 0-5

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
BOURNEMOUTH 0-3 HAMWORTHY RECREATION
John Hutchings was pitchside
Rec claimed the bragging rights with this win at local rivals, Bournemouth Poppies. This was a potential banana skin for Rec, with them occupying second place and Poppies bottom. But a solid, workman-like performance from Rec ensured no slip ups.
Rec were well on top in the first half, but were kept at bay by a dogged home defence until the 39th minute, when they made the breakthrough via Chris Long. Poppies started the second half well and went in search of an equaliser, but a cracking goal just after the hour, by Sean Wright, secured the points for Rec, who added a third to run out comfortable winners.
There was nearly a dream start for Rec, when recent signing, Tyrell Sampson got on the end of Long's cross, only to be denied by home keeper, Reilly. Poppies had a chance when Kelly's turn and shot was well saved, with his feet, by Rec keeper, Shane Murphy.
But it was Rec in the ascendancy, with Isaac Stanley, Bailey Rowe and Jake Dove all going close. But on 39 minutes the stalemate was broken. Dove played a delightful pass to LONG, who shrugged off his marker, cut in and fired past Reilly, from a narrow angle, to give Rec the lead.
HT 0-1
Poppies made a change at the break and brought on Bertorelli, who livened things up and put Rec under pressure. But Rec steadied and got back on top and added a vital second goal, on 67 minutes. An attack seemed to have broken down, but the ball fell for WRIGHT to smash a beauty, from 25 yards and give Rec a two goal cushion.
Just five minutes later it was three, when Sampson crossed, from the left to the back post, where LONG rose to head in his tenth goal of the season and confirm the win for Rec.
FT 0-3

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER- WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
NEW MILTON TOWN 2-2 HEDGE END RANGERS
Roger Ware was pitchside
After being league leaders for most of the season, New Milton slipped off the top, hustled out of their stride by a business-like Hedge End side who deserved their point. The Brickies had the lead twice, but couldn't make it count, and now have the role as chasers, with Cove having taken over at the top by a point after their 1-0 win at Amesbury.
Fresh from a 7-0 Russell-Cotes Cup win at Clanfield in midweek, there were hopes that the Brickies would resume in free-scoring mood. However, it was the Rangers, on their first-ever visit to New Milton, who almost broke the ice on five minutes when Jake Gould's header from a long throw forced home keeper Lloyd Thomas into a brilliant fingertip save.
Two minutes later, when New Milton got moving for the first time, Luca Lane had the ball in the net from a through-ball on the left. He beat keeper Ash Downs, but not the linesman's flag for offside. Then there was a remarkable scramble round the New Milton goal, with Thomas called into action three times to make blocks after an initial push away save.
It was getting hectic at both ends. When the Brickies got moving, a great ball from Noel McCarthy-Gardiner set Brad Snelling free but his shot was deflected out for a corner. The home side came again and keeper Downs did well to push out Callum Clarke's hit from the edge of the box. The Brickies were on top for a time and thought they had a stonewall penalty shout when Cal Clarke appeared to be heavily pushed over from behind as he ran clear into the box and prepared to shoot. New Milton's fierce protests cut no ice with referee Jordan Cuthbertson.
Luca Lane had another shot comfortably saved by Downs before the pressure finally paid off after 33 minutes. From a right wing corner Niall DIXON was first to it as the ball dropped and he hooked it goalwards. Time stood still as defenders and the keeper set about stopping it, but the ball, which looked as though it was drifting wide, dropped into the net at the far post.
That maintained New Milton's record of having scored in every league game so far and it should have settled the nerves of the home side and the fans who were becoming a little anxious. But 30 seconds later, even before the celebrations were over, Hedge End went straight to the other end and equalised. Alfie PRENDERGAST was first to a long throw and his header had enough power to get past Thomas's leap.

So immediately back to square one - although the Brickies would have been in front again on 40 minutes had Cal Clarke's effort not come back off the post. New Milton had edged the half without really impressing, although Hedge End had already done enough to indicate they were not going to be anyone's pushover.
HT 1-1
For New Milton it was essential to try to regain the lead as quickly as they could in the second half - and they duly achieved that just a couple of minutes in. Luca LANE raced onto a through ball down the right and slotted it neatly into the bottom corner to restore the lead. Cal Clarke then cut in from the left but fired just wide of the far post as the Brickies tried to cement their lead, and when the lively young striker gave it another go, his effort was cleared off the line.
But the third goal which would probably have clinched victory had proved elusive and Hedge End took advantage - perhaps with a little luck. There was enough of a hint of offside when Ben TAYLOR broke free on the left for home defenders to momentarily hesitate - but that proved fatal. The flag never came, and his finish was well out of Thomas' reach.
There were half-chances at both ends in the closing stages, although there was a touch of the Alamo about Hedge End's survival in added time. New Milton won a disputed corner which was hectically cleared at the expense of another. When that came in Niall Dixon was first to get a head on it, only for Downs to make a fingertip save for a third corner. That was scrambled clear and the final whistle sounded on what was probably a fair result.
FT 2-2

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER- WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
RINGWOOD TOWN 5-1 WHITCHURCH UNITED
Pierce Menzies was pitchside
A 12-minute hattrick from Joe Petty helped Ringwood Town ease past Whitchurch 5-1 as Ringwood made it two league wins in a row. Early goals from Alfie Mullins and Hugh Dathan gave Ringwood a well-deserved lead going into the second half as Whitchurch came close to halving the deficit through Cameron George.
Second-half substitute Petty bagged a hattrick to complete an impressive performance for Fran Mathers' men as Joe Redmond pulled one back late on.
MULLINS gave Ringwood the lead six minutes in when he connected with Will Orchard's low cross to steer it past Whitchurch's Welber Sobrinho. Orchard caused more problems down the left-hand side as Dominic Scambler was forced to clear the winger's cross; but it nearly went south for the Jamboy's captain as his clearance narrowly missed the bottom right corner.
Hugh DATHAN doubled Ringwood's lead not long after the first when his well-placed header met the back of the net after 14 minutes.
Two chances in two minutes gave Whitchurch the opportunity to half the deficit; Ronnie Holloway fired past the post after he nicked the ball from Riley Claxton before George rattled the post from the middle of the box moments later. A busy end to the second half saw Whitchurch's Alfie Saunders force Felix Bruce to tip a freekick over the bar before Ollie Brown saw his shot fizz past the Whitchurch post on the referee's whistle.
HT 2-0
Sobrinho did well to deny Harrison Clarke shortly after the start of the second half when the midfielder tried to curl his shot into the bottom right corner, but the Whitchurch shot stopper made himself big to save Clarke's shot.
Danny May's shot from the edge of the box led to multiple chances for Ringwood after Sobrinho saved the initial effort; Sobrinho was forced to tip the resulting corner over the bar before Scrambler held off Josh Ridland from the next.
Mullins had a chance to double his account for the day when he headed goalward in the 66th minute, but the striker's effort went just wide of the post.
Sobrinho was called into action again for the visitors when he saved Brown's low shot after the forward strode into the Whitchurch box unopposed with 20 left to play.
Substitute PETTY added a third for Ringwood in the 75th minute when some quick thinking from May allowed the striker to roll it past Sobrinho as he raced to meet the Ringwood striker.
PETTY added a fourth in the 82nd minute when he was left to tap in from the six-yard box after Orchard made an angle for the cross.

REDMOND pulled one back with five minutes left to play when he capitalised on a slack pass from Ridland, but it was nothing more than a consolation as Ringwood responded through PETTY, rounding out a comprehensive performance in the 87th minute when his diving header found its way past Sobrinho as the striker completed his hattrick from the bench.
FT 5-1

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER- WESSEX LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
BROCKENHURST 0-1 DOWNTON
Jon Renyard was pitchside
Something of a scratch team for Brock, with three of last weekend's starters out injured to join the army in the treatment room. And this was a hugely frustrating afternoon for the Badgers, partly self-inflicted. To be fair, they were second-best in the first half. A half-scare as early as 38 seconds, when Downton were awarded a free kick on the touchline near halfway, Liam Farrugia saw Harry Dillon near the edge of his box and tried the outrageous – Dillon got back to make the catch but he had to stretch!
Brock had their best chance of the game on six minutes when Harry McGrath won the ball in midfield, strode forward and beat his defender, but passed the ball wide when everyone expected the net to ripple. They were never so close again… Max Wilcock, always dangerous for Downton, was waiting to head in on 9 minutes but was denied by a stretching Dillon who just managed to push the ball away… but on 14 WILCOCK showed his class, taking down a long ball from Moore, turning his defender inside out and calmly passing into the far corner from the edge of the box. Excellent finish.
Wilcock should probably have added a second three minutes later when he shot to the near post – brilliant one-handed save from Dillon. Wilcock again, saved by Dillon and hammered off the line by Sam Bradford… best move of the match on 23, brilliant close control in the box, Mackie to Matthews to Griggs – should have scored but Dillon with another outstanding save. Dillon then made another excellent near post save from Wilcock from a tight angle.
The second goal looked inevitable and Brock simply couldn't get a foothold, struggling in midfield and long balls forward simply headed away… but finally, a more accurate move, Palmier down the left, tantalising cross which evaded McGrath and keeper Casey and rolled wide. And then it was the Dan Bradford 5 minutes. 38 minutes: yellow card for a late tackle. 42 minutes, superb tackle on Wilcock which was probably goal-saving. 43 minutes, second late tackle, second yellow, marching orders. "A long way back from there."
HT 0-1
In all honesty, 1-0 was the least the Robins deserved from the first half. They had created enough chances to be comfortably clear and successfully blunted anything the Badgers could throw at them. Surprisingly, they were less dominant in the second half against ten, although they still had their chances.
The outstanding and tireless Wilcock beat his man on 57 and smashed a shot past Dillon, superbly blocked on the line by Henry Mubiru… Beard strode forward three minutes later and fired a shot just wide from 25 yards … Satterley set up Matthews with a golden chance inside the box but he skewed his shot high and wide of the far post… then sub Saunders also saw a shot blocked on the line, this time by Sam Bradford. The Robins were also caught offside far too often – but for all that, still only 1-0 with ten to go, and the ten Badgers had worked incredibly hard to keep themselves in the game.
I can only call this next incident how I saw it – I know others will have different views but they'll have to write their own reports – Dylan Walker with a challenge on the halfway line, given a straight red and Brock were down to nine. My view: he gave the ref a decision to make. It wasn't a great challenge, he didn't get the ball: definitely in the "seen them given" category. Anyway, if it was a mountain before it now looked like an insurmountable task for the Badgers.
Plummer found the side-netting for Downton when he might have done better… and finally Brock managed to create a couple of chances, throwing caution to the wind, Ugwumba hooked a shot just wide, then he chipped in a cross which was just too far beyond the back post for McGrath to find the target from a narrow angle – lots of effort, if not a great deal of elegance.
And then a shirt-pull on Bullard, free kick for Palmier from 28 yards – on target but Casey got across and down to push the ball away from the far post, and it was done.
FT 0-1

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER- WESSEX LEAGUE DIVISION ONE
SANDHURST TOWN 4-2 ROMSEY TOWN

Robin Caddy was pitchside

A first visit to Sandhurst Town for me today, an unusual ground where all of the infrastructure around the pitch is painted black. Also the last ground in the Wessex Ground that I hadn't previously visited. A warm welcome from the club and certainly a memorable place. The first half was mainly memorable for Alex Bourne losing his head and telling his manager to sub him off, as he thought he was going to get sent off. It looked like Carl Barrie was hoping Bourne was going to calm down, but two minutes later he was subbed off and he went straight back to the dressing room. There are goals to talk about as well, Romsey Town took the lead on 30 minutes, when Tom RAFFERTY heads in from a corner. Two minutes later, it looks like Dean RULE has got the ball trapped under his feet on the edge of the area for Sandhurst, but he works it free and slots it past Romsey's keeper for the equaliser.

HT 1-1

The second half starts to feel like a draw is inevitable, with the teams well matched. Then on 62 minutes a foul on the edge of the box gives George DAVIS a chance to shoot on goal, and he curls his shot around the wall and in. 2-1 to the hosts. Just like the first half, we see an immediate response as on 64 minutes Romsey miss an open goal, but win a corner - it's taken well and headed home by Scott BARRON for 2-2.

On 73 minutes, great work by Jacob Cowler on the left sees him create a chance for Luis HAMBLIN who scores his first for the club with a looping header that the Romsey keeper just can't deal with: 3-2. Two minutes later Cowler scores one himself, and does a wonderful multiple somersault to celebrate, only for the Assistant on the far side to disallow it for an infringement of some kind. Noone has any idea why, and a lot of the rest of the game is spent by the spectators trying to figure out what it could have been.

Another four minutes later, Tiago Moreno has a shot blocked after another good Sandhurst move, and who is on hand to smash it home from six yards? Jacob COWLER, who then celebrates, conspicuously, near the aforementioned Referee's assistant.

FT 4-2

The hosts are certainly enjoying life in the upper reaches of Division One.

FIXTURES 2026/27

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



Tuesday 24 November
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Folland Sports v Army FA
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Hedge End Rangers v Frimley Green
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Premier Division
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Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Brockenhurst
Cowes Sports v Petersfield Town
Fleetlands v Horndean
Hythe & Dibden v Bournemouth Poppies
Laverstock & Ford v Millbrook
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Monday 30 November

Surrey Premier Cup Second Round

Frimley Green v Colliers Wood Utd

Tuesday 1 December

Surrey Premier Cup Second Round

Ash United v Dorking Wanderers B

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Second Round

Andover New Street v Brockenhurst

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Third Round

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Premier Division

Hamble Club v Cowes Sports

Division One

Ringwood Town v Fawley AFC

Southampton Senior Cup Third Round

Millbrook v Lyndhurst
Sholing v Romsey Town

Saturday 5 December

Premier Division

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

Division One

Amesbury Town v Ash United [KO 14:00]
Blandford United v Hedge End Rangers
Fawley AFC v Cove
Folland Sports v AFC Aldermaston
Lymington Town v Alresford Town
New Milton Town v Hamworthy United
Ringwood Town v Kintbury Rangers
Romsey Town v Colden Common
Sandhurst Town v Newport (IOW)
Whitchurch United v Frimley Green

Tuesday 8 December

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Third Round

Horndean v Whitchurch United

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Fleetlands

Division One

Newport (IOW) v New Milton Town
Totton & Eling v Romsey Town

Aldershot Senior Cup First Round

Frimley Green v Ashford Town

Wednesday 9 December

Division One

Hedge End Rangers v Sandhurst Town

Saturday 12 December

Premier Division

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

Division One

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

Tuesday 15 December

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup Second Round

Ringwood Town v AFC Stoneham

Premier Division

Bournemouth Poppies v Millbrook
Brockenhurst v Hythe & Dibden
Downton v Andover New Street
Fareham Town v East Cowes Victoria
Sturminster Newton United v Bashley

Portsmouth Senior Cup Second Round

AFC Portchester v Petersfield Town

Saturday 19 December

Premier Division

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

Division One

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

Totton & Eling v Ash United
Whitchurch United v Blandford United

Tuesday 22 December

Premier Division

Andover New Street v Sturminster Newton United
Baffins Milton Rovers v Hamble Club
Bashley v East Cowes Victoria
Brockenhurst v Laverstock & Ford
Christchurch v Hamworthy Recreation
Cowes Sports v Fareham Town
Petersfield Town v Fleetlands

Division One

Alresford Town v Ash United
Blandford United v Ringwood Town
Cove v Colden Common
Fawley AFC v Hamworthy United
Frimley Green v AFC Aldermaston
Kintbury Rangers v Romsey Town
Newport (IOW) v Hedge End Rangers
Sandhurst Town v Whitchurch United

Wednesday 23 December

Premier Division

Sherborne Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Division One

New Milton Town v Totton & Eling

Saturday 26 December

Premier Division

East Cowes Victoria v Cowes Sports [KO 12:00]
Brockenhurst v Bashley

Monday 28 December

Premier Division

Laverstock & Ford v Fleetlands [KO 15:00]
Sherborne Town v Stur. Newton United [KO 12:00]

Tuesday 29 December

Premier Division

Bemerton Heath Harlequins v Downton
Christchurch v Andover New Street
Hamworthy Recreation v Millbrook
Horndean v Hythe & Dibden

Division One

Amesbury Town v Hamworthy United
Ash United v Cove
Blandford United v Fawley AFC
Frimley Green v Sandhurst Town
Romsey Town v Hedge End Rangers
Totton & Eling v Newport (IOW)

Saturday 2 January

Premier Division

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

Division One

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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ISTHMIAN LEAGUE – SOUTH CENTRAL DIVISION

RESULTS

Tuesday 17 November

AFC Portchester 0-0 Cobham
Hayes & Yeading United 3-1 Ashford Town (Middlesex)
Moneyfields 3-1 Hendon
Windsor & Eton 0-3 Egham Town

Wednesday 18 November

Kingstonian 4-0 Ascot United

Saturday 21 November

AFC Portchester 4-2 Hendon
Ascot United 1-1 Westfield
Bedfont Sports 4-4 AFC Stoneham
Bognor Regis Town 2-1 Hayes & Yeading United
Cobham 0-1 Hartley Wintney
Kingstonian 4-1 Binfield
Littlehampton Town 0-6 Jersey Bulls
Moneyfields 2-1 Ashford Town (Middlesex)
Raynes Park Vale 2-3 Egham Town
Winchester City 4-2 Harrow Borough
Windsor & Eton 0-0 Southall

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Egham Town	19	14	1	4	48	26	22	43	2.263
2	Jersey Bulls	18	12	5	1	46	20	26	41	2.278
3	Bognor Regis Town	19	12	4	3	40	24	16	40	2.105
4	Winchester City	19	12	3	4	52	31	21	39	2.053
5	Moneyfields	20	10	4	6	32	22	10	34	1.700
6	Southall	16	9	5	2	37	20	17	32	2.000
7	AFC Portchester	17	8	6	3	26	18	8	30	1.765
8	Hayes & Yeading United	17	8	5	4	35	25	10	29	1.706
9	Westfield	18	7	7	4	30	22	8	28	1.556
10	Kingstonian	18	7	5	6	46	40	6	26	1.444
11	Ashford Town (Middlesex)	18	8	2	8	36	30	6	26	1.444
12	Raynes Park Vale	18	8	1	9	27	33	-6	25	1.389
13	Hartley Wintney	18	7	3	8	32	37	-5	24	1.333
14	Windsor & Eton	17	6	5	6	27	27	0	23	1.353
15	Bedfont Sports	18	5	5	8	26	33	-7	20	1.111
16	Hendon	15	4	5	6	32	33	-1	17	1.133
17	AFC Stoneham	16	3	5	8	20	32	-12	14	0.875
18	Harrow Borough	17	3	5	9	20	32	-12	14	0.824
19	Cobham	18	3	2	13	16	37	-21	11	0.611
20	Ascot United	19	2	3	14	24	55	-31	9	0.474
21	Binfield	16	2	1	13	24	47	-23	7	0.438
22	Littlehampton Town	17	1	4	12	17	49	-32	7	0.412

FIXTURES

Tuesday 24 November

Binfield v Ashford Town (Middlesex)
Littlehampton Town v Kingstonian
Westfield v AFC Stoneham
Windsor & Eton v Hendon

Wednesday 25 November

Southall v Raynes Park Vale

Saturday 28 November

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

SOUTHERN LEAGUE – DIVISION ONE SOUTH

RESULTS

Tuesday 17 November

Falmouth Town 2-2 Portland United
Hungerford Town 1-1 Larkhall Athletic
Weymouth 2-0 Exmouth Town

Saturday 21 November

Bideford AFC 1-1 Weymouth
Bishops Cleeve 2-1 Exmouth Town
Bristol Manor Farm 0-2 Hungerford Town
Falmouth Town 1-4 Dorchester Town
Larkhall Athletic 0-3 Hartpury FC
Melksham Town 0-3 Tiverton Town
Portland United 0-4 Barnstaple Town
Shaftesbury 0-5 Paulton Rovers
Sporting Club Inkberrow 3-1 Swindon Supermarine
Westbury United 4-2 Slimbridge AFC
Willand Rovers 2-0 Worcester Raiders

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Weymouth FC	17	14	2	1	45	12	33	44	2.588
2	Westbury United	20	13	2	5	39	22	17	41	2.050
3	Dorchester Town	18	13	1	4	41	22	19	40	2.222
4	Swindon Supermarine	19	12	2	5	35	23	12	38	2.000
5	Hungerford Town	19	11	4	4	34	14	20	37	1.947
6	Hartpury FC	19	10	3	6	37	22	15	33	1.737
7	Tiverton Town	18	8	4	6	32	25	7	28	1.556
8	Sporting Club Inkberrow	17	8	4	5	32	26	6	28	1.647
9	Willand Rovers	17	8	3	6	25	24	1	27	1.588
10	Bishops Cleeve	17	8	2	7	28	26	2	26	1.529
11	Falmouth Town	19	7	5	7	28	31	-3	26	1.368
12	Portland United	18	7	5	6	27	31	-4	26	1.444
13	Worcester Raiders	21	5	9	7	19	27	-8	24	1.143
14	Barnstaple Town	20	7	2	11	31	30	1	23	1.150
15	Exmouth Town	17	6	3	8	25	30	-5	21	1.235
16	Melksham Town	18	5	3	10	22	35	-13	18	1.000
17	Bideford AFC	18	3	8	7	23	31	-8	17	0.944
18	Shaftesbury	19	5	2	12	28	45	-17	17	0.895
19	Paulton Rovers	17	3	6	8	16	23	-7	15	0.882
20	Larkhall Athletic	20	3	5	12	21	38	-17	14	0.700
21	Slimbridge AFC	18	4	2	12	23	47	-24	14	0.778
22	Bristol Manor Farm	20	1	7	12	12	39	-27	10	0.500

FIXTURES

Monday 23 November
Swindon Supermarine v Tiverton Town
Wednesday 25 November
Willand Rovers v Portland United
Saturday 28 November
Barnstaple Town v Melksham Town
Dorchester Town v Bishops Cleeve
Falmouth Town v Bristol Manor Farm
Hartpury FC v Tiverton Town
Larkhall Athletic v Portland United
Paulton Rovers v Slimbridge AFC
Sporting Club Inkberrow v Westbury United
Swindon Supermarine v Bideford AFC
Weymouth v Hungerford Town
Willand Rovers v Exmouth Town
Worcester Raiders v Shaftesbury

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Wednesday 18 November
Sherborne Town Reserves 5-2 Mere Town
Saturday 21 November
Bournemouth Electric 2-6 Balti Sports
Dorchester Sports 3-0 Cobham Sports
Gillingham Town 2-2 Verwood Town
Hamworthy United Reserves 0-2 Westland Sports
Holt United 3-0 Wimborne Town Reserves
Mere Town 2-2 Portland United Reserves
Sherborne Town Reserves 1-1 Bournemouth Sports
Wareham Rangers 1-2 Swanage Town & Herston

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Swanage Town & Herston	16	13	1	2	47	26	21	40	2.500
2	Dorchester Sports	17	12	3	2	51	23	28	39	2.294
3	Holt United	16	12	1	3	42	15	27	37	2.313
4	Balti Sports	15	10	1	4	54	32	22	31	2.067
5	Cobham Sports	14	9	2	3	36	15	21	29	2.071
6	Bournemouth Electric	15	7	4	4	34	21	13	25	1.667
7	Westland Sports	13	6	6	1	33	18	15	24	1.846
8	Sherborne Town Reserves	16	6	4	6	38	47	-9	22	1.375
9	Bournemouth Sports	16	5	5	6	36	32	4	20	1.250
10	Gillingham Town	16	5	3	8	30	39	-9	18	1.125
11	Wimborne Town Reserves	15	5	1	9	28	37	-9	16	1.067
12	Hamworthy United Reserves	14	4	2	8	30	48	-18	14	1.000
13	Portland United Reserves	16	3	4	9	24	38	-14	13	0.813
14	Wareham Rangers	15	4	1	10	21	37	-16	13	0.867
15	Verwood Town [*]	16	3	4	9	29	42	-13	12	0.750
16	Mere Town	15	2	4	9	21	47	-26	10	0.667
17	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	17	1	2	14	19	56	-37	5	0.294

FIXTURES

Tuesday 24 November
Hamworthy United Reserves v Bournemouth Electric
Wednesday 25 November
Portland United Reserves v Wimborne Town Reserves
Saturday 28 November
Bournemouth Electric v Dorchester Sports
Bournemouth Sports v Holt United
Hamworthy Recreation Reserves v Sherborne Town Reserves
Mere Town v Wareham Rangers
Portland United Reserves v Westland Sports
Swanage Town & Herston v Gillingham Town
Verwood Town v Cobham Sports
Wimborne Town Reserves v Hamworthy United Reserves

HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

RESULTS

Wednesday 18 November
George Mason Memorial Shield Second Round
Overton United 0-4 Sporting Wessex
Saturday 21 November
Overton United 6-2 Liphook United
United Services Portsmouth 3-0 Meon Milton
uhlsport Hampshire Premier League Cup Quarter Final
BTC Southampton 1-2 Crofton Saints
Hook 2-1 AFC Shirley
Locks Heath 1-2 Sway
Southsea Sports 2-2 Whitehill & Bordon
George Mason Memorial Shield Second Round
AFC Netley 1-5 Bishops Waltham Dynamos
Denmead 3-1 Broughton
Horndean United 2-3 Blackfield & Langley
Liss Athletic 3-0 Twentyten

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Hook	13	9	3	1	46	25	21	30	2.308
2	Blackfield & Langley	15	9	3	3	38	23	15	30	2.000
3	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	13	9	1	3	46	26	20	28	2.154
4	AFC Shirley	10	9	0	1	36	7	29	27	2.700
5	Moneyfields Reserves	13	8	3	2	32	19	13	27	2.077
6	Whitehill & Bordon	12	8	2	2	23	16	7	26	2.167
7	AFC Netley	12	7	1	4	22	18	4	22	1.833
8	Liss Athletic	12	6	1	5	39	18	21	19	1.583
9	Southsea Sports	13	6	1	6	22	23	-1	19	1.462
10	Locks Heath	11	5	1	5	32	15	17	16	1.455
11	Overton United	16	5	1	10	28	35	-7	16	1.000
12	Crofton Saints	12	5	0	7	19	20	-1	15	1.250
13	Meon Milton	13	4	1	8	23	30	-7	13	1.000
14	US Portsmouth	15	4	1	10	22	37	-15	13	0.867
15	Liphook United	14	4	0	10	18	40	-22	12	0.857
16	Broughton	14	3	0	11	15	48	-33	9	0.643
17	Denmead	14	0	1	13	9	70	-61	1	0.071

FIXTURES

Tuesday 24 November
Portsmouth Senior Cup Second Round
Moneyfields v Liss Athletic
Saturday 28 November
AFC Netley v Broughton
Blackfield & Langley v Bishops Waltham Dynamos
Hook v Liphook United
Liss Athletic v AFC Shirley
Moneyfields Reserves v Denmead
Whitehill & Bordon v Meon Milton
Portsmouth Senior Cup Second Round
Crofton Saints v US Portsmouth
Southsea Sports v Locks Heath

WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

RESULTS

Tuesday 17 November
Wiltshire Senior Cup Second Round
Bradford Town Reserves 3-0 Bishops Cannings
Saturday 21 November
Bradford Town Reserves 5-0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves
Faringdon Town 0-2 Shrivenham
Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development 4-2 Larkhall Athletic Development
Shrewton United 3-0 Hungerford Town Development
Trowbridge Town 2-2 Bishops Cannings
Wroughton 0-4 Down Ampney

FIXTURES

Tuesday 24 November
Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves v Trowbridge Town
Fairford Town Reserves v Devizes Town Reserves
Faringdon Town v Park United
Wednesday 25 November
Melksham Town Reserves v Shrewton United
Saturday 28 November
Devizes Town Reserves v Pewsey Vale
Down Ampney v Bradford Town Reserves
Trowbridge Town v Purton Kingsdown
Wroughton v Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development
Fountain Trophies Senior Cup Second Round
Shrewton United v Shrivenham
Fountain Trophies Senior Cup Third Round
Fairford Town Reserves v Melksham Town Reserves
Faringdon Town v Bishops Cannings

TABLE

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Melksham Town Reserves	16	13	0	3	37	16	21	39	2.438
2	Shrivenham	14	12	1	1	63	10	53	37	2.643
3	Larkhall Athletic Development	13	9	2	2	34	16	18	29	2.231
4	Faringdon Town	13	9	1	3	51	21	30	28	2.154
5	Shrewton United	16	8	2	6	52	22	30	26	1.625
6	Bishops Cannings	19	8	2	9	45	53	-8	26	1.368
7	Pewsey Vale	16	8	1	7	30	38	-8	25	1.563
8	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Development	17	7	3	7	33	31	2	24	1.412
9	Hungerford Town Development	15	7	2	6	44	35	9	23	1.533
10	Devizes Town Reserves	14	6	3	5	32	30	2	21	1.500
11	Purton Kingsdown	14	6	2	6	25	28	-3	20	1.429
12	Down Ampney	16	6	2	8	32	44	-12	20	1.250
13	Trowbridge Town	15	5	4	6	23	30	-7	19	1.267
14	Fairford Town Reserves	15	5	3	7	22	31	-9	18	1.200
15	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves	14	4	2	8	29	31	-2	14	1.000
16	Park United	14	3	3	8	20	30	-10	12	0.857
17	Bradford Town Reserves	16	2	1	13	19	59	-40	7	0.438
18	Wroughton	15	1	0	14	7	73	-66	3	0.200

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

RESULTS

Under 18 Premier Division
Cobham Sports 2-3 Wimborne Town
Holt United 0-4 Sholing
Under 18 East Division
Meon Milton Blue 2-4 Horndean
Newport IoW 0-3 AFC Portchester
Paulsgrove Athletic 1-3 Fareham Town Black
Under 18 Central Division
Winchester City Blue 1-2 AFC Stoneham Athletic
Under 18 West Division
Ringwood Town 3-1 Christchurch
Tuesday 17 November
John Stimpson Memorial Shield Third Round
Romsey Town U23 0-4 Alresford Town
Under 23 Premier Division
Select Generation 1-5 Winchester City
Wednesday 18 November
John Stimpson Memorial Shield Second Round
Dorchester Town U23 4-3 AFC Netley
Verwood Town U23 5-2 Nursling & Shirley
Under 23 East Division
Hayling United 2-5 Baffins Milton Rovers
Under 23 West Division
Fawley AFC 6-1 Bashley
New Milton Town 3-2 Downton
Thursday 19 November
Under 23 East Division
Andover Town 4-1 United Services Portsmouth
Saturday 21 November
Hampshire Combination Challenge Cup Second Round
Petersfield Town 4-0 Liss Athletic
Premier Division
AFC Stoneham 2-1 Clanfield
Downton 4-0 Meon Milton

Division One
Crofton Saints 3-5 Fawley AFC
Hedge End Rangers 1-1 Alresford Town

TABLES

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Downton	7	7	0	0	26	6	20	21
2	AFC Stoneham	6	4	1	1	14	7	7	13
3	Pagham	6	3	0	3	17	13	4	9
4	Laverstock & Ford	4	2	2	0	17	8	9	8
5	Petersfield Town	4	2	1	1	7	5	2	7
6	Hythe & Dibden	6	1	1	4	10	21	-11	4
7	Clanfield	8	1	1	6	11	26	-15	4
8	Liss Athletic	3	0	2	1	6	8	-2	2
9	Meon Milton	6	0	2	4	5	19	-14	2

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Alresford Town	7	6	1	0	30	11	19	19
2	Hedge End Rangers	7	3	4	0	18	10	8	13
3	Nursling & Shirley	5	3	1	1	15	9	6	10
4	Clanfield Development	8	2	3	3	9	12	-3	9
5	AFC Netley	7	2	2	3	16	23	-7	8
6	Bishops Waltham Dynamos A	7	2	1	4	10	18	-8	7
7	Fawley AFC	8	1	3	4	16	20	-4	6
8	Crofton Saints	5	0	1	4	9	20	-11	1

POS	U23 PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Totton U23	5	3	2	0	15	8	7	11
2	Winchester City U23	4	3	1	0	15	7	8	10
3	AFC Stoneham U23	3	2	1	0	14	7	7	7
4	Ringwood Town U23	5	2	1	2	8	12	-4	7
5	Hamble Club U23	5	2	0	3	13	12	1	6
6	Fareham Town U23	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
7	Poole Town U23	3	1	0	2	6	12	-6	3
8	Select Generation U23	4	0	1	3	5	12	-7	1
9	Dorchester Town FC U23	3	0	0	3	9	15	-6	0

POS	U23 EAST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Fleetlands U23	6	4	2	0	15	6	9	14
2	Andover Town U23	5	4	1	0	17	6	11	13
3	Folland Sports U23	5	3	2	0	16	9	7	11
4	Romsey Town U23	3	1	2	0	8	1	7	5
5	United Services Portsmouth U23	6	1	1	4	16	24	-8	4
6	Baffins Milton Rovers U23	4	1	0	3	9	9	0	3
7	Whiteley Wanderers U23	3	0	0	3	2	11	-9	0
8	Hayling United U23	4	0	0	4	2	19	-17	0

POS	U23 WEST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	New Milton Town U23	7	6	1	0	29	8	21	19
2	Laverstock & Ford U23	6	4	0	2	20	22	-2	12
3	Fawley AFC U23	7	3	1	3	25	20	5	10
4	Totton & Eling U23	5	2	1	2	13	14	-1	7
5	Downton U23	6	2	0	4	24	15	9	6
6	Verwood Town U23	3	1	1	1	8	10	-2	4
7	Bashley U23	6	1	0	5	9	24	-15	3
8	Lymington Town U23	2	0	0	2	1	16	-15	0

FIXTURES

Sunday 22 November

Under 18 Premier Division

AFC Stoneham Knights v Fareham Town Reds
Cobham Sports v Sholing
Holt United v Hamble Club
Petersfield Town v Havant & Waterlooville
Wimborne Town v Gosport Borough
Winchester City Red v Moneyfields

Under 18 East Division

Baffins Milton Rovers v Paulsgrove Athletic
Fareham Town Black v Meon Milton Yellow
Horndean v AFC Portchester
Meon Milton Blue v Newport IoW

Under 18 Central Division

Bishop Waltham Dynamos v Eastleigh Spitfires
Millbrook v AFC Stoneham Athletic
Pace v Fareham Town Creeksiders

Under 18 West Division

AFC Totton v New Milton Town
Andover New Street v Bashley
Christchurch 1885 v Andover Town Youth
Eastleigh 1946 v Ringwood Town

Tuesday 24 November

Under 23 Premier Division

AFC Stoneham v Hamble Club

Under 23 East Division

Whiteley Wanderers v Romsey Town

Wednesday 25 November

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Second Round

Fleetlands U23 v Bishop Waltham Dynamos A

Under 23 Premier Division

Dorchester Town v Select Generation

Under 23 West Division

Fawley AFC v Verwood Town

Thursday 26 November

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Second Round

Winchester City U23 v Downton

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Third Round

Ringwood Town U23 v Petersfield Town

Under 23 Premier Division

Fareham Town v AFC Totton

Under 23 East Division

Andover Town v Hayling United
Folland Sports v U.S. Portsmouth

Under 23 West Division

Laverstock & Ford v New Milton Town
Totton & Eling v Bashley

Saturday 28 November

Hampshire Combination Challenge Cup Quarter Final

Alresford Town v Crofton Saints
Fawley AFC v Laverstock & Ford

Premier Division

Clanfield v Hythe & Dibden
Petersfield Town v Liss Athletic

Division One

Bishops Waltham Dynamos A v AFC Netley
Nursling & Shirley v Hedge End Rangers

THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

Tuesday 17 November 2026

Laverstock & Ford strengthen promotion credentials as Millbrook hit six in impressive night of cup and league action

Tuesday evening provided plenty of talking points across the Wessex League and local cup competitions, with some significant results in the Premier Division, Laverstock & Ford produced arguably the biggest league result of the evening, while Millbrook were in devastating goalscoring form on the Isle of Wight. Downton also maintained their positive momentum with an important home victory.

Premier Division

Bashley 1-2 Laverstock & Ford

Laverstock & Ford continued their excellent recent form with an impressive away victory against Bashley, a result that further strengthens their position among the leading sides in the Premier Division.

Having already beaten Sturminster Newton United 4-1 and Petersfield Town 4-0 in their previous two league outings, the Bulldogs arrived in the New Forest full of confidence and left with another valuable three points. Bashley had enjoyed a strong campaign themselves, but this defeat represents a setback in their pursuit of the leading positions.

Laverstock's victory takes them to 38 points from 20 matches, putting them level on points with leaders Fareham Town, although having played four more games. Their recent run suggests they will be serious contenders if they can maintain this consistency.

Cowes Sports 2-6 Millbrook

Millbrook delivered one of the standout performances of the evening with a spectacular six-goal victory away at Cowes Sports.

After sharing the points with Downton in a 1-1 draw on Saturday, the Dockers responded in emphatic fashion, demonstrating the attacking quality that has made them one of the division's dangerous sides.

The result is particularly significant given Cowes' recent improvement, which included a 3-0 victory at Hythe & Dibden just three days earlier. For Millbrook, this is an excellent result and another indication of their potential to challenge the sides above them. They move forward with considerable confidence after scoring seven goals across their last two league fixtures.

Downton 2-1 Fleetlands

Downton secured an important home victory to keep their impressive campaign moving in the right direction.

Following their 1-1 draw at Millbrook on Saturday, the Robins returned to winning ways against a Fleetlands side that had previously enjoyed some encouraging results.

The three points take Downton to 33 points from 20 matches, keeping them firmly in the top half and within reach of the leading contenders.

With nine wins already recorded before this latest success, Downton are demonstrating the consistency required to remain competitive throughout the season. For Fleetlands, it was a disappointing evening, particularly after their 3-0 defeat at Hamworthy Recreation last Saturday. They will be looking to arrest that slide quickly.

Division One

Hamworthy United 0-2 Amesbury Town

Amesbury Town continued their recovery with a valuable away victory at Hamworthy United.

Having suffered a heavy 4-0 defeat at Alresford Town on 7 November, Amesbury have responded positively, following up their 4-0 victory at Frimley Green on Saturday with another clean-sheet success.

The result takes Amesbury to 32 points from 19 matches, keeping them firmly in the promotion conversation. They are now fourth, although the teams around them have games in hand- and only four points separate the top five

For the Hammers, it was another difficult outing. With just three league victories before kick-off, they remain towards the bottom of the table and need to start turning performances into points if they are to move away from danger.

Hampshire Servio Senior Cup – Third Round

Winchester City 4-1 Andover New Street

Andover New Street's involvement in the Hampshire Servio Senior Cup came to an end following the defeat at Winchester City. Despite their recent league success, including an excellent 4-1 win at Bournemouth Poppies on Saturday, Andover were unable to reproduce that form against their higher-level opponents.
It was a reminder of the challenge presented by cup football, with Winchester taking full advantage to book their place in the next round.

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup – First Round

Baffins Milton Rovers 0-3 Hythe & Dibden

Hythe & Dibden produced an excellent away performance to eliminate Baffins Milton Rovers with a convincing three-goal victory.
Baffins had been enjoying some entertaining recent league results, including a 4-3 victory over Brockenhurst on Saturday, but Hythe delivered a disciplined and clinical performance to take the tie. For Hythe, who have experienced an inconsistent Premier Division campaign, this could provide a welcome confidence boost.

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup – Second Round

Fareham Town 1-3 Cove

One of the most eye-catching cup results of the evening saw Division One high-flyers Cove eliminate Premier Division leaders Fareham Town.
Fareham had been unbeaten in their previous three league matches, winning two and drawing one, but Cove demonstrated why they are among the strongest sides in Division One.
With 11 wins from their opening 14 league matches before Tuesday, the Wasps travelled with plenty of confidence and produced an outstanding result. The victory will give them further belief as they continue their promotion challenge, while the Creeksiders will have to put this cup disappointment behind them and concentrate on maintaining their position at the top of the Premier Division.

Aldershot Senior Cup – First Round

Sandhurst Town 0-4 Knaphill

Sandhurst Town suffered a disappointing cup exit as Knaphill ran out convincing 4-0 winners.
Sandhurst had been among the leading Division One sides, but this was a difficult evening against opposition from outside the Wessex League.
They will now look to return their attention to league matters, where their promotion ambitions remain very much alive.

Southampton Senior Cup – Second Round

Hamble Club 2-1 AFC Totton

Hamble Club claimed an impressive victory over AFC Totton to progress in the Southampton Senior Cup.
This was another positive result for a Hamble side enjoying a productive Premier Division campaign. Their attacking form has been particularly impressive, with 56 goals scored in 21 league matches before this fixture.
Beating higher-level opposition will provide a further boost to confidence as they continue their pursuit of the Premier Division leaders.

Southampton Senior Cup – Third Round

Ringwood Town 0-1 Bishops Waltham Dynamos

Ringwood Town's cup journey came to an end following a narrow home defeat against Bishops Waltham Dynamos. After suffering a 6-2 defeat at Newport (IOW) on Saturday, Ringwood would have been keen to respond positively, but the visitors edged a closely contested encounter to secure their progression.

Wednesday 18 November

Wednesday night produced two impressive cup performances, with New Milton Town recording a seven-goal victory while Hedge End Rangers claimed an excellent scalp to book their place in the next round of the Wessex League Cup.

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup – First Round

Clanfield 0-7 New Milton Town

New Milton Town produced a ruthless away performance to sweep aside Clanfield and progress comfortably into the next round.
The Division One promotion hopefuls underlined their excellent form with a seven-goal display, adding another impressive result to a season that has seen them establish themselves at the top of the table.

The Brickies went into the game sitting top of Division One with 35 points from 14 matches, having won 11 of their opening 14 league fixtures. Their attacking record of 34 goals before Wednesday had already demonstrated their threat, and this result further highlighted the quality and confidence within the squad.

Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup – Third Round

Hedge End Rangers 2-1 East Cowes Victoria

Hedge End Rangers secured one of the night's notable results by knocking out Premier Division opposition East Cowes Victoria.

The Division One side showed their quality and determination to overcome a team playing one division higher, earning a deserved place in the quarter-final stage.

Hedge End have enjoyed a productive league campaign, sitting seventh in Division One on 27 points from 16 games. Recent victories over Kintbury Rangers and Fawley AFC have demonstrated their capabilities, and this cup success provides another boost to their season.

The Vics, meanwhile, will be disappointed to exit the competition. Sitting 16th in the Premier Division with 17 points, they had arrived with confidence following a 3-1 league victory over Sherborne Town, but were unable to find a way past a determined Hedge End outfit.

Thursday 19 November

Division One

Colden Common and Ash United shared the points following an entertaining 2-2 draw, with both sides having to settle for a point in a competitive Division One encounter.

The result provides a useful boost for both clubs as they look to build consistency in a tightly contested division. Colden Common will be pleased to add to their points tally, while Ash United will take encouragement from coming away with a share of the spoils away from home.

The draw sees Colden Common take a valuable point in their efforts to climb the table, while Ash United may feel this was an opportunity to strengthen their position in the top half.

A share of the spoils, with both sides having to settle for a point

Saturday 21 November 2026

A remarkable afternoon in the Wessex League produced goals, late drama and significant results at both levels. Hamble Club and Horndean impressed in the Premier Division, while Fareham Town recorded the biggest away victory of the day with a five-goal demolition of East Cowes Victoria.

In Division One, Ringwood Town and Blandford United both hit five, while Newport (IOW) and Frimley Green shared six goals in an entertaining draw. With the season approaching its halfway point, the results could have an important bearing on the promotion and relegation battles.

Premier Division

The headline result came at Hamble, where Hamble Club produced another outstanding attacking display to beat Laverstock & Ford 5-2. The visitors arrived among the division's leading sides, but Hamble's victory underlined their own title credentials. With 56 goals already scored before kick-off, Hamble have been one of the league's most prolific teams, and this latest performance will only strengthen their confidence.

Hamble's victory could prove particularly significant in the title race. Fareham Town began the afternoon top of the table on 38 points, with Laverstock & Ford second and Hamble third on 37. Hamble's three points moved them above both rivals, although Fareham and Laverstock have games in hand.

Fareham made the most emphatic statement of the day, however, thrashing East Cowes Victoria 5-0. The leaders had already established themselves as the division's strongest defensive side, and this commanding away performance demonstrated their attacking threat too. East Cowes, meanwhile, will be disappointed after a difficult afternoon against a side that continues to set the standard.

Hamworthy Recreation also enjoyed a productive trip, winning 3-0 at Bournemouth Poppies. Hamworthy have been among the division's leading challengers, and a clean sheet alongside three goals was an excellent response after their recent goalless draw with Fareham. Their position near the summit remains particularly encouraging given their games in hand.

Horndean were equally impressive, defeating Bemerton Heath Harlequins 3-0. The result keeps Horndean firmly in the upper reaches of the table and extends their positive recent run. Bemerton, meanwhile, remain in need of points as they seek to climb away from the bottom end of the division.

Millbrook continued their excellent recent form with a thrilling 3-2 victory at Christchurch. Having beaten Cowes Sports 6-2 in midweek, Millbrook have now scored nine goals in two matches. Their attacking confidence is growing, and the victory keeps them firmly in contention for a place among the leading sides.
Downton made it back-to-back league victories by edging past Brockenhurst 1-0. After their midweek success against Fleetlands, Downton again showed the value of a solid defensive performance. The result also gives them a valuable boost in the race to remain among the division's leading clubs.
Bashley edged Hythe & Dibden 1-0 in a result that will satisfy the home side after their midweek defeat to Laverstock & Ford. Bashley remain well placed in the upper half of the table, while Hythe will be frustrated at failing to build on their recent recovery.
Andover New Street and Cowes Sports shared the points in a 1-1 draw. Andover have been difficult to beat this season, and another point maintains their solid record. Cowes, meanwhile, will be encouraged by taking something from a side that has consistently performed well.
Fleetlands and Sherborne Town played out a goalless draw, with neither side able to find a breakthrough. Both will see the point as a useful addition, although the result does little to ease their need for greater consistency.
Sturminster Newton United and Baffins Milton Rovers also finished goalless. Baffins had enjoyed a strong run of results before the afternoon, and a point keeps them moving in the right direction. Sturminster will be pleased to stop the slide after a difficult spell.

Division One

Goals galore as Ringwood and Blandford shine

Ringwood Town produced the most emphatic performance in Division One, sweeping aside Whitchurch United 5-1. Ringwood had suffered a heavy defeat to Newport (IOW) earlier in the month, but this response will have been hugely encouraging. Five goals and a convincing victory provide a timely reminder of their attacking potential.
Blandford United were equally impressive, winning 5-1 away at Kintbury Rangers. Blandford have shown signs of improvement in recent weeks, and this result represents an important step forward. Kintbury, on the other hand, will be disappointed after a difficult run of results, with defensive problems continuing to undermine their efforts.
Alresford Town also enjoyed a comfortable afternoon, beating Totton & Eling 4-1. Alresford have been among the division's more consistent sides, and this victory reinforces their credentials as a team capable of challenging towards the top end. Totton will need to respond quickly after another difficult away trip.
Newport (IOW) and Frimley Green shared six goals in a thrilling 3-3 draw. Newport have been involved in several high-scoring games recently, and this result continues that trend. Frimley will be pleased to take a point from a challenging fixture, although both sides may feel they could have taken all three.
Hamworthy United secured a valuable 2-0 away win at AFC Aldermaston. After their recent defeat to Amesbury, Hamworthy responded with a disciplined performance and a clean sheet. The result will provide a welcome lift as they look to build momentum.
Cove continued their positive recent form with a narrow 1-0 victory at Amesbury Town. Cove have been one of the division's more consistent sides in recent weeks, and another away win keeps them firmly in the promotion conversation.
Lymington Town claimed a valuable 1-0 win at Ash United. Lymington have shown signs of improvement after a difficult spell, and this result provides further encouragement. Ash, who had drawn with Colden Common in midweek, will be disappointed to have failed to turn that performance into a victory.
Fawley AFC and Colden Common shared the points in a 2-2 draw. Both sides have been involved in tight contests recently, and another competitive encounter suggests there is little between them. The point may prove useful as the season develops.
New Milton Town and Hedge End Rangers also finished 2-2. Both teams have shown enough quality to compete in the upper half of the division, and the draw keeps them moving forward, although neither will be entirely satisfied with a share of the spoils.
Sandhurst Town completed the day's action with a 4-2 home victory over Romsey Town. Sandhurst have enjoyed a positive run of form, and this result adds further momentum. Romsey will be disappointed after a difficult afternoon, particularly after their recent 4-0 win over Whitchurch United.

LEAGUE NEWS

The Wessex League Management Board invite clubs to tender to host the Industrial Boiler's Wessex League Cup Final 2027. This will be held on Monday 3rd May 2027 with a 3pm kick off.
Clubs have been emailed the requirements and the process of tendering to host the Cup Final will be for Clubs to submit an expression of interest by 18th December 2026 to the League Secretary.
In January, the Board will agree with Clubs if they have suitable facilities and manpower to host the final, these Clubs will be asked to tender including all costings by 31st January 2027, before the Board make a final decision on venue in February 2027.

THE LAST WORD- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

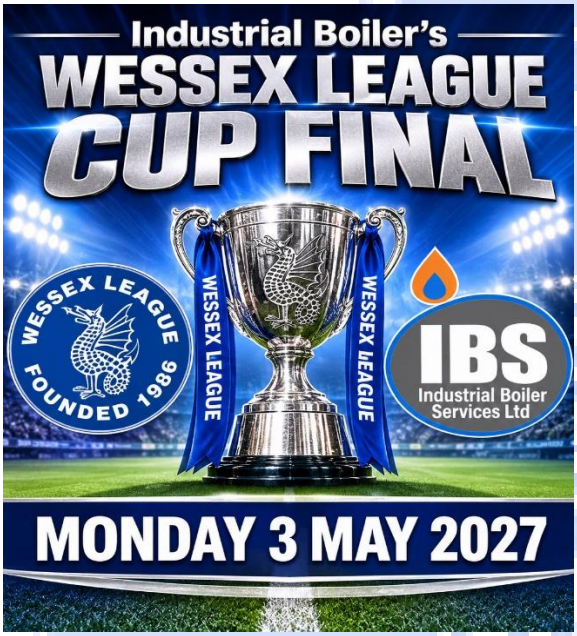




PHOTO FINISH



Courtesy of Robin Caddy, action today from Sandhurst Town (white) where the hosts beat Romsey Town 4-2 in Division One.



Above, courtesy of Raf Lobato we have action from Sandhurst Town (white) against Knaphill in the Aldershot Senior Cup which saw the visitors progress to the next round.
Below it was Division One action at Hamworthy United, where visitors Amesbury Town (blue) hit two without reply to bag the three points.



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	17	13	2	2	38	12	26	41	2.412
2	Hamble Club	22	11	7	4	61	35	26	40	1.818
3	Hamworthy Recreation	17	11	5	1	44	14	30	38	2.235
4	Laverstock & Ford	21	11	5	5	50	34	16	38	1.810
5	Downton	21	11	3	7	45	35	10	36	1.714
6	Millbrook	18	10	5	3	40	24	16	35	1.944
7	Horndean	20	11	2	7	40	30	10	35	1.750
8	Bashley	18	11	1	6	42	23	19	34	1.889
9	Brockenhurst	17	9	2	6	40	31	9	29	1.706
10	Baffins Milton Rovers	19	8	5	6	32	34	-2	29	1.526
11	Fleetlands	18	6	6	6	29	33	-4	24	1.333
12	Andover New Street	16	5	8	3	30	22	8	23	1.438
13	Sturminster Newton United	18	6	5	7	30	28	2	23	1.278
14	Cowes Sports	16	6	4	6	25	32	-7	22	1.375
15	Hythe & Dibden	21	5	4	12	28	36	-8	19	0.905
16	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	17	4	5	8	25	37	-12	17	1.000
17	Sherborne Town	19	2	8	9	16	33	-17	14	0.737
18	Petersfield Town	20	2	8	10	25	47	-22	14	0.700
19	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	21	2	6	13	25	65	-40	12	0.571
20	Christchurch	18	3	2	13	29	58	-29	11	0.611
21	Bournemouth Poppies	20	1	5	14	16	47	-31	8	0.400

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Cove	15	12	1	2	40	16	24	37	2.467
2	New Milton Town	15	11	3	1	36	16	20	36	2.400
3	Sandhurst Town	17	11	2	4	42	20	22	35	2.059
4	Ringwood Town	19	10	4	5	42	37	5	34	1.789
5	Amesbury Town	20	10	2	8	35	41	-6	32	1.600
6	Newport (IOW)	16	8	6	2	47	22	25	30	1.875
7	Hedge End Rangers	17	8	4	5	37	26	11	28	1.647
8	Fawley AFC	16	8	4	4	33	24	9	28	1.750
9	Frimley Green	18	8	2	8	45	33	12	26	1.444
10	Ash United	16	7	5	4	30	24	6	26	1.625
11	Folland Sports	18	8	2	8	37	41	-4	26	1.444
12	Alresford Town	21	7	3	11	37	45	-8	24	1.143
13	Romsey Town	16	7	1	8	35	31	4	22	1.375
14	AFC Aldermaston	18	6	4	8	28	33	-5	22	1.222
15	Lymington Town [*]	21	6	5	10	24	44	-20	22	1.048
16	Blandford United	15	6	2	7	29	28	1	20	1.333
17	Colden Common	18	5	4	9	38	40	-2	19	1.056
18	Whitchurch United	19	4	5	10	33	52	-19	17	0.895
19	Hamworthy United	19	4	4	11	28	38	-10	16	0.842
20	Kintbury Rangers	18	3	4	11	23	44	-21	13	0.722
21	Totton & Eling	18	2	1	15	19	63	-44	7	0.389