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OF THE  
VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE

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## WELCOME

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](mailto:newsletter.wessexleague@gmail.com).

Keep up to date with all the news from around the League by following us on Twitter/X at - @WessexLeague. You are more than welcome to use any material (excluding attributed photographs) but it would be appreciated if any material used is acknowledged. It is hoped you enjoy reading this each week. With readership quite widespread, not only within our own competition, but across the three counties and beyond- if ANY club has anything they would like to have published in here, whether that be a request for helpers, promotion of forthcoming events, items required or available for sale please do get in touch.

The Wessex Post will be published each Saturday night. Please would all contributors note that the deadline for anything is 22:00 on the Saturday and this includes match reports- all home clubs are reminded to get their reports in before then, although if an away side does the report that will also be welcome. It should also be noted that whilst all contributions are welcome, they are subject to editorial scrutiny.

## KICK OFF



*With thanks to Robin Caddy for the above and our "Photo Finish" section- action from the KBO Stadium where East Cowes Vics (red and white) gained promotion to Step 5 against hosts Frimley Green this afternoon. But it took penalties to do so!*

LAST CHANCE TO GRAB THOSE TICKETS

# VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE CUP FINAL



**05.05.25**  
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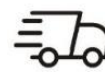
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## STAT ATTACK

### TOP SEVEN LEADING GOALSCORERS - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY

#### PREMIER DIVISION

Ryan Pennerly	AFC Portchester	36
Joe Freak	Christchurch	22
Tyrrell Sampson	AFC Stoneham	22
Chris Long	Hamworthy Recreation	21
Lewis Williams	Andover New Street	21
Jamie White	Millbrook	20
Duarte Martins	AFC Stoneham	19

#### DIVISION ONE

Nick Thumwood	Frimley Green	35
Lee Vint	Ringwood Town	30
Barney Stone	New Milton Town	28
Brad Snelling	New Milton Town	25
Ji Nash	Newport IOW	23
Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	21
Nic Ciardini	Frimley Green	19

*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

AFC Portchester	vs	Fareham Town	1630	16 November
Fareham Town	vs	AFC Portchester	1388	19 April
AFC Portchester	vs	AFC Stoneham	845	8 March
Baffins Milton Rovers	vs	AFC Portchester	465	3 September
AFC Portchester	vs	Portland United	612	12 April

#### DIVISION ONE

##### Top five league attendances

East Cowes Victoria	vs	Newport IOW	658	26 December
Newport IOW	vs	East Cowes Victoria	555	18 April
New Milton Town	vs	Lymington Town	464	28 December
Lymington Town	vs	New Milton Town	305	19 April
New Milton Town	vs	East Cowes Victoria	270	12 April

#### PREMIER DIVISION

##### Sharpest Attack

AFC Portchester	120
AFC Stoneham	114
Fareham Town	83

##### Meanest Defence

AFC Stoneham	23
AFC Portchester	25
Fareham Town	48

##### Goals scored per Game

AFC Portchester	3.158
AFC Stoneham	3.000
Fareham Town	2.184

#### DIVISION ONE

##### Sharpest Attack

New Milton Town	111
Frimley Green	107
Hamworthy United	84

##### Meanest Defence

East Cowes Victoria	42
New Milton Town	46
Alresford Town	47

##### Goals scored per Game

New Milton Town	2.921
Frimley Green	2.816
Hamworthy United	2.211

### PREMIER DIVISION – HIGH SCORES

<b>Home win</b>	AFC Stoneham	vs	Downton	10-0	12 April
<b>Away win</b>	United Services Portsmouth	vs	AFC Portchester	0-8	28 December

### DIVISION ONE – HIGH SCORES

<b>Home win</b>	East Cowes Victoria	vs	Romsey Town	7-0	24 September
<b>Away win</b>	Totton & Eling	vs	Frimley Green	0-6	9 November



## 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://nonleaguehq.com>

League	STEP 5	Team	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
5. WXP	1	AFC Portchester	38	33	4	1	120	25	95	103	2.711
5. SCP	1	Hassocks	38	31	4	3	101	29	72	97	2.553
5. CCS	1	Redhill	38	31	3	4	90	29	61	96	2.526
5. SMP	1	Milton Keynes Irish	34	26	7	1	101	31	70	85	2.500
5. CCS	2	AFC Whyteleafe	38	31	2	5	107	39	68	95	2.500
5. CCS	3	Jersey Bulls	38	30	6	2	103	22	81	93	2.447
5. UCS	1	St. Neots Town	36	28	3	5	103	39	64	87	2.417
5. MLP	1	Lichfield City	34	26	4	4	88	36	52	82	2.412
5. WXP	2	AFC Stoneham	38	27	10	1	114	23	91	91	2.395
5. WLP	1	Portishead Town	38	29	4	5	114	37	77	91	2.395
5. ESL	1	Stanway Rovers	38	28	7	3	102	39	63	91	2.395
5. NWP	1	Bury	46	33	10	3	131	49	82	109	2.370
5. CCN	1	Egham Town	38	28	6	4	115	30	85	90	2.368
5. ESL	2	Takeley	38	28	5	5	82	35	47	89	2.342
5. SEP	1	Faversham Town	38	26	10	2	96	27	69	88	2.316
5. HLP	1	Hartpury University	38	27	7	4	87	23	64	88	2.316
5. NWP	2	Lower Breck	46	33	7	6	122	46	76	106	2.304
5. MLP	2	Shifnal Town	34	25	3	6	74	27	47	78	2.294
5. WLP	2	Clevedon Town	38	27	5	6	101	33	68	86	2.263
5. NCP	1	Silsden	38	26	8	4	86	48	38	86	2.263

League	STEP 6	Team	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	PPG
6. E1N	1	Haverhill Rovers	38	32	3	3	107	34	73	99	2.605
6. NW1S	1	Winsford United	34	27	5	2	93	29	64	86	2.529
6. SS1	1	AFC Welwyn	38	30	6	2	105	26	79	96	2.526
6. SWE	1	Sidmouth Town	30	24	3	3	93	27	66	75	2.500
6. HL1	1	Droitwich Spa	32	25	4	3	107	33	74	79	2.469
6. SWW	1	Newquay	30	24	2	4	84	18	66	74	2.467
6. ML1	1	Nuneaton Town	42	32	7	3	121	38	83	103	2.452
6. E1S	1	Harlow Town	38	29	5	4	102	31	71	92	2.421
6. E1S	2	Hackney Wick	38	29	5	4	97	38	59	92	2.421
6. UC1	1	Clay Cross Town	36	28	3	5	105	35	70	87	2.417
6. SWW	2	Liskeard Athletic	30	23	3	4	76	31	45	72	2.400
6. WX1	1	New Milton Town	38	28	6	4	111	46	65	90	2.368
6. CC1	1	Windsor & Eton	44	33	5	6	109	35	74	104	2.364
6. UC1	2	Retford FC	36	27	4	5	111	45	66	85	2.361
6. WL1	1	Hallen	42	31	6	5	103	29	74	99	2.357
6. SS1	2	Desborough Town	38	28	5	5	119	39	80	89	2.342
6. E1N	2	Stanway Pegasus	38	29	2	7	88	29	59	89	2.342
6. NW1N	1	Atherton Laburnum Rovers	34	25	3	6	77	31	46	78	2.294
6. SC1	1	Seaford Town	38	28	3	7	101	37	64	87	2.289
6. NL2	1	Horde Community Welfare	42	29	9	4	109	42	67	96	2.286

## PROGRAMME ADVERTS

Just a quick reminder that all Clubs must include these six advertisements in every Match Programme they produce- in either the PRINTED or ON-LINE version, they can be all be found here in the Wessex Post as well as downloaded from the League website:-

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The aim is to promote all local football but specifically the member clubs of the Velocity Wessex League. So far, we have had managers, chairpersons, players, press officers and secretaries joining us as studio guests, and via zoom and phone guests from many Velocity Wessex League clubs, as well as guests from local teams

both higher up and lower down the pyramid. This is your show and is a platform for your club to promote its events and raise its profile. If your club produces post-match interviews, please either email us a copy of the audio or give permission for us to play them on air straight from your website or social media sites, as we will aim to play them on the show. Please come and join us one Sunday, we do have access to the two studios so it is easy to accommodate guests in the studio, for more information please email [gregdickson94@gmail.com](mailto:gregdickson94@gmail.com) or [cliffpledge@hotmail.com](mailto:cliffpledge@hotmail.com)

## FIXTURES – 2024/25

*A general reminder that fixtures are subject to alteration and or cancellation at short notice. Bearing in mind that caveat, here's the list until the end of the season.*

### Monday 5 May

#### Velocity Wessex League Cup Final

AFC Portchester v Hamble Club [15:00]

### Tuesday 6 May

#### North Hants Senior Cup Final

Basingstoke Town v Romsey Town [at Andover New Street, 19:45]

### Thursday 8 May

#### Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Final

AFC Stoneham v AFC Portchester [at AFC Stoneham, 19:45]

### Saturday 10 May

#### IOW Gold Cup Final

East Cowes Victoria v Cowes Sports [at Cowes Sports, 15:00]

### Wednesday 14 May

#### Southampton Senior Cup Final

AFC Stoneham v Millbrook [at St Marys Stadium, 19:30]

### Tuesday 20 May

#### Portsmouth Senior Cup Final

AFC Portchester v Moneyfields [at PMC Stadium, 19:30]

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

*Latest from the Dorset Premier League*



### RESULTS

**Saturday 3 May**

**Dorset Premier League Cup Final**

Dorchester Sports 1-3 Hamworthy Recreation Reserves [New Cuthbury, crowd of around 350]

### TABLE

POS	DORSET PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bournemouth Sports	30	23	5	2	97	39	58	74
2	Cobham Sports	30	21	7	2	99	33	66	70
3	Dorchester Sports	30	22	4	4	84	35	49	70
4	Blandford United	30	19	4	7	96	45	51	61
5	Holt United	30	15	5	10	75	45	30	50
6	Swanage Town & Herston	30	13	8	9	57	44	13	47
7	Hamworthy Recreation Reserves	30	14	4	12	68	56	12	46
8	Westland Sports	30	14	3	13	61	59	2	45
9	Bournemouth Electric	30	13	4	13	71	59	12	43
10	Sherborne Town Reserves	30	10	6	14	56	68	-12	36
11	Portland United Reserves	30	9	7	14	62	74	-12	34
12	Wimborne Town Reserves [*]	30	8	5	17	64	90	-26	26
13	Hamworthy United Reserves	30	5	6	19	34	81	-47	21
14	Balti Sports	30	6	2	22	44	122	-78	20
15	Bridport Reserves [*]	30	5	7	18	41	81	-40	19
16	Poole Borough	30	4	1	25	29	107	-78	13

### FIXTURES

**Saturday 10 May**

**Dorset Premier League Supplementary Cup Final**

Bournemouth Electric v Cobham Sports [Broadway Lane]

**Tuesday 20 May**

**Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy Final**

Blandford United v Cobham Sports [County Ground]

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE PREMIER LEAGUE

*Latest from the UHlsport Hampshire Premier League*



### RESULTS

**Tuesday 29 April**

Andover Town 1-0 Hook

**Wednesday 30 April**

Liphook United 1-2 Lis Athletic

Stockbridge 4-1 Whitehill & Bordon

**Saturday 3 May**

Liss Athletic 12-0 Sway

Whitehill & Bordon 2-1 Andover Town

## TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colden Common	29	22	2	5	110	39	71	68
2	Liss Athletic	29	20	0	9	104	44	60	60
3	Locks Heath	30	18	4	8	78	48	30	58
4	Bishops Waltham Dynamos	30	17	3	10	69	37	32	54
5	Hedge End Rangers	30	17	1	12	77	55	22	52
6	Andover Town	27	16	1	10	60	48	12	49
7	Hook	29	14	4	11	55	46	9	46
8	Stockbridge	30	15	1	14	52	64	-12	46
9	Liphook United	28	14	0	14	72	75	-3	42
10	Meon Milton	30	11	5	14	67	65	2	38
11	Harvest	29	11	5	13	49	52	-3	38
12	Denmead	29	11	4	14	64	86	-22	37
13	Whitehill & Bordon	28	11	3	14	60	68	-8	36
14	Moneyfields Reserves	30	8	5	17	53	76	-23	29
15	Paulsgrove	30	5	0	25	33	127	-94	15
16	Sway	30	3	4	23	39	112	-73	13

## FIXTURES

### Tuesday 6 May

Colden Common v Andover Town

### Wednesday 7 May

Liphook United v Whitehill & Bordon

### Saturday 10 May

Harvest v Hook

Andover Town v Liphook United

### George Mason Memorial Shield Final

Denmead v Liss Athletic [11:00] [The OnSite Group Stadium]

### Hampshire Premier League Cup Final

Colden Common v Crofton Saints [14:00] [The OnSite Group Stadium]

### Aldershot Intermediate [Mark Coombes] Cup Final

Rushmoor Community v Whitehill & Bordon [EBB Stadium]

### Tuesday 13 May

Andover Town v Whitehill & Bordon

### Wednesday 14 May

Liss Athletic v Denmead

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- WILTSHIRE SENIOR LEAGUE

*Latest from the Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League*



## RESULTS

### Wednesday 30 April

Malmesbury Victoria Development 3-4 Park United

### Saturday 3 May

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves 8-1 Wroughton

Malmesbury Victoria Development 3-0 Salisbury Development

Pewsey Vale 0-2 Kingsdown

## TABLE

POS	WILTSHIRE SENIOR	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Kintbury Rangers	32	25	3	4	80	22	58	78
2	Letcombe	32	22	2	8	66	35	31	68
3	Kingsdown	32	18	4	10	70	46	24	58
4	Pewsey Vale	32	17	3	12	74	56	18	54
5	Shrewton United	32	17	2	13	82	58	24	53
6	Shrivenham	32	15	6	11	57	47	10	51
7	Melksham Town Reserves	32	16	3	13	61	60	1	51
8	Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves	32	16	1	15	62	61	1	49
9	Wroughton	32	14	4	14	74	61	13	46
10	Trowbridge Town [*]	32	14	6	12	70	67	3	46
11	Park United	32	14	3	15	70	79	-9	45
12	Calne Town Reserves	32	13	4	15	57	77	-20	43
13	Larkhall Athletic Dev [*]	32	12	3	17	56	63	-7	37
14	Royal W Bassett Town Dev	32	9	6	17	47	64	-17	33
15	Salisbury Dev [*]	32	9	3	20	51	65	-14	28
16	Faringdon Town	32	7	4	21	42	74	-32	25
17	Malmesbury Victoria Dev [*]	32	5	1	26	39	123	-84	12

## FIXTURES

**Saturday 10 May**

**Fountain Trophies Senior Cup Final**

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves v Cricklade Town [Southbank]

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

*Latest from the Hampshire Combination & Development League*



## RESULTS

**Sunday 27 April**

**Under 18 East Division**

AFC Portchester 4-5 U.S. Portsmouth

Hamble Club U17 5-0 Whiteley Wanderers

Petersfield Town 5-2 Horndean

**Under 18 Central Division**

Eastleigh Yellow 1-2 Winchester City Red *[Winchester City Red have won the Central Division]*

Gosport Borough 3-2 Hamble Club U18

Hedge End Rangers 9-0 Sholing Red

Romsey Town 4-0 Vectis

**Under 18 West Division**

Cobham Sports 3-2 Salisbury U18

New Milton Town 5-1 Winchester City Black

Salisbury U17 0-2 Poole Town

**Tuesday 29 April**

**Under 23 Premier Division**

AFC Stoneham 4-2 Dorchester Town

**Under 18 Central Division**

Hamble Club U18 2-1 AFC Stoneham

**Wednesday 30 April**

**Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup Semi Final**

Fareham Town 3-1 Hedge End Rangers

**Thursday 1 May****Premier Division**

Laverstock & Ford 5-1 Lymington Town [*Laverstock & Ford are Premier Division champions*]

**Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup Semi Final**

AFC Totton 0-0 Hamble Club [*Hamble Club won 4-2 on penalties*]

**Under 23 Premier Division**

Winchester City 4-1 Bashley

**Under 18 East Division**

Havant & Waterlooville 2-4 Petersfield Town

**Under 18 Central Division**

Romsey Town 1-3 Sholing Red

Wimborne Town White 1-5 Hedge End Rangers

**Saturday 3 May****Division One**

Liphook United 0-3 Ringwood Town

Liss Athletic 1-2 New Milton Town

**TABLES**

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Laverstock & Ford	18	13	2	3	71	41	30	41
2	AFC Stoneham	18	12	2	4	52	20	32	38
3	Fleetlands	18	10	3	5	42	28	14	33
4	Millbrook	18	9	4	5	47	42	5	31
5	Petersfield Town	18	9	3	6	50	49	1	30
6	Clanfield	18	9	3	6	47	58	-11	30
7	United Services Portsmouth	18	6	2	10	41	34	7	20
8	Brockenhurst	18	3	3	12	35	55	-20	12
9	Lymington Town	18	3	3	12	32	59	-27	12
10	Harvest	18	3	1	14	28	59	-31	10

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Blackfield & Langley	22	17	1	4	77	31	46	52
2	Ringwood Town	22	14	2	6	88	64	24	44
3	Downton	21	14	0	7	76	46	30	42
4	AFC Portchester	22	13	2	7	62	40	22	41
5	Meon Milton	22	13	2	7	69	51	18	41
6	Hedge End Rangers	22	9	2	11	57	69	-12	29
7	Fawley AFC	22	9	2	11	56	77	-21	29
8	Liphook United	21	8	2	11	58	58	0	26
9	Whitehill & Bordon	22	7	2	13	49	87	-38	23
10	Liss Athletic	21	6	4	11	60	71	-11	22
11	New Milton Town	21	5	2	14	39	55	-16	17
12	Colden Common	22	3	3	16	41	83	-42	12

POS	U23 PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Totton U23	9	8	1	0	32	5	27	25
2	Winchester City U23	9	6	2	1	23	12	11	20
3	Fareham Town U23	8	4	3	1	22	11	11	15
4	Bashley U23	10	4	2	4	22	18	4	14
5	Dorchester Town U23	12	3	3	6	23	34	-11	12
6	AFC Stoneham U23	11	2	2	7	19	35	-16	8
7	Weymouth U23	11	1	1	9	16	42	-26	4

POS	U23 DIVISION ONE EAST	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hamble Club U23	12	9	2	1	40	13	27	29
2	Baffins Milton Rovers U23	12	6	3	3	29	22	7	21
3	Andover New Street U23	12	6	0	6	38	45	-7	18
4	Overton United U23	12	5	1	6	29	22	7	16
5	Tadley Calleva U23	11	4	2	5	20	24	-4	14
6	North Waltham U23	11	3	3	5	17	36	-19	12
7	Clanfield U23	12	2	1	9	20	31	-11	7

POS	U23 DIVISION ONE WEST	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Bemerton Heath Harlequins U23	14	10	4	0	42	18	24	34
2	Laverstock & Ford U23	12	8	1	3	43	25	18	25
3	Hedge End Rangers U23	11	7	2	2	37	21	16	23
4	Lymington Town U23	14	5	1	8	34	38	-4	16
5	Verwood Town U23	13	5	1	7	22	27	-5	16
6	Hythe & Dibden U23	14	5	1	8	27	38	-11	16
7	Blackfield & Langley U23	14	3	3	8	26	53	-27	12
8	Romsey Town U23	14	3	1	10	25	36	-11	10

POS	U18 EAST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Hamble Club U17	18	13	3	2	42
2	AFC Portchester U18	20	13	3	4	42
3	Fareham Town U18 Black	20	12	4	4	40
4	Petersfield Town U18	21	12	4	5	40
5	Moneyfields U18	22	9	4	9	31
6	Cowes Sports U18	19	9	3	7	30
7	Whiteley Wanderers U18	22	9	2	11	29
8	Havant & Waterlooville U18	21	8	5	8	29
9	United Services Portsmouth U18	20	8	1	11	25
10	Baffins Milton Rovers U18	19	6	3	10	21
11	Clanfield U18	21	3	1	17	10
12	Horndean U18	21	3	1	17	10

POS	U18 WEST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Wimborne Town U18 Black	17	13	2	2	41
2	New Milton Town U18	16	12	2	2	38
3	Poole Town Wessex U18	18	12	2	4	38
4	Cobham Sports U18	16	7	3	6	24
5	Winchester City U18 Black	17	6	3	8	21
6	Brockenhurst U18	17	6	1	10	19
7	Fawley AFC U18	15	5	2	8	17
8	Bournemouth Poppies U17	18	3	3	12	12
9	Salisbury U18	12	3	2	7	11
10	Salisbury U17	14	2	2	10	8

POS	U18 CENTRAL DIVISION	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Winchester City Red U18	20	17	1	2	52
2	Hedge End Rangers U18 Lions	20	14	3	3	45
3	Gosport Borough U18	19	12	5	2	41
4	Eastleigh U18 Blues	22	12	5	5	41
5	Hamble Club U18 Blue	21	12	4	5	40
6	AFC Stoneham Knights	21	10	1	10	31
7	Eastleigh U18 Yellow	22	9	2	11	29
8	Wimborne Town U18 White	19	8	3	8	27
9	Romsey Town U18	21	5	2	14	17
10	Sholing U18 Black	22	3	5	14	14
11	Sholing U18 Red	20	3	3	14	12
12	Vectis U18	19	0	2	17	2

## FIXTURES

### Sunday 4 May

#### Under 18 East Division

AFC Portchester v Horndean

Clanfield v Baffins Milton Rovers

Cowes Sports v Hamble Club U17

#### Under 18 Central Division

Hedge End Rangers v Romsey Town

#### Under 18 West Division

Cobham Sports v Salisbury U17

New Milton Town v Salisbury U18

### Monday 5 May

#### Division One

Liss Athletic v Downton

### Tuesday 6 May

#### Under 23 Supplementary Shield Group A

AFC Stoneham v Hamble Club

### Wednesday 7 May

#### John Stimpson Memorial Shield Semi Final

Hedge End Rangers v Bashley U23

#### Under 23 Premier Division

AFC Totton v Fareham Town

#### Under 23 Supplementary Shield Group B

Andover New Street v Romsey Town

#### Under 18 East Division

Havant & Waterlooville v U.S. Portsmouth

Petersfield Town v Hamble Club U17

### Thursday 8 May

#### Under 23 West Division

Laverstock & Ford v Hedge End Rangers

#### Under 18 East Division

Fareham Town Black v Baffins Milton Rovers

#### Under 18 Central Division

Wimborne Town White v Hamble Club U18

#### Under 18 West Division

Salisbury U18 v New Milton Town

### Saturday 10 May

#### Division One

Liphook United v New Milton Town

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## DIVISION ONE STATISTICS

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A summary:

CHAMPIONS – New Milton Town

PLAY OFFS – Frimley Green, Alresford Town, East Cowes Victoria and Fleetlands

Bottom three reliant on reprieves - Folland Sports, Fawley AFC and Verwood Town

Biggest win - 7, 7-0 by East Cowes Victoria Athletic on 24th September

Most Goals in a game - 10, 7-3 won by Hamworthy United

Most scored and still lost - 4 by Whitchurch United, New Milton Town and Totton & Eling

Most Common Result - 2-1, 33 times

Best Undefeated Run - 22 games by New Milton Town

Best Home Undefeated - 19 by Frimley Green

Best Away Undefeated - 13 by New Milton Town

Most Consecutive Wins - 7 by East Cowes Victoria Athletic, Frimley Green and New Milton Town

Most Consecutive Home Wins - 7 by Frimley Green and Hamworthy United

Most Consecutive Away Wins - 8 by New Milton Town

Most Clean Sheets - 16 by East Cowes Victoria Athletic

Most Consecutive Clean Sheets - 4 by Frimley Green and New Milton Town

Top 3 League Scorers:

33 - Nick Thumwood - Frimley Green

30 - Lee Vint – Ringwood Town

28 - Barney Stone - New Milton Town

## CLUB NEWS

*Any clubs with news or stories they want to publicise, please send them in to the Editor.*

No contributions received.

## RESULTS

**Tuesday 29 April**

**Division One Play Off Semi Final**

Frimley Green	2-1	Fleetlands	280
Nic Ciardini 68		Oli Page 57 pen	
Harvey Everard 90+4			

**Wednesday 30 April**

**Division One Play Off Semi Final**

Alresford Town	1-2	East Cowes Victoria	286
Craig Bryant 72		Toby Snow 62	
		Elliot Wheeler 75	

**Saturday 3 May**

**Division One Play Off Final**

Frimley Green	1-1	East Cowes Victoria	570
Adam Mekki 90+3		[1-4 on penalties]	
		Elliot Wheeler 48	

## MATCH REPORTS

**WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL**

**DIVISION ONE PLAY OFF SEMI FINAL- Alresford Town 1-2 East Cowes Victoria**

**With Russ Chapman**

VICS travelled to Alresford for this Wessex league Division 1 play-off Semi-final , both teams knowing that a place in the final was up for grabs at Frimley, who won the previous night against Fleetlands. Manager Alex Smith picking young Charlie Hart to start tonight with the rest of the team unchanged.

Alex Ram was called into action in the 8th minute saving Scott Hills effort. Vics came close on 10 minutes, Josh Neale's driving run and shot saved by Jon Webb.

Both defences looked really tight in the opening exchanges and chances were few. Scott Jones effort from distance sailed over, Billie Busari's effort was well wide on 27 minutes for Alresford. Both sides were working hard but end products were minimal.

HT 0-0

Vics came out second half with the look of a determined side and Charlie Hart was unlucky on 50 minutes, Harrison Yates' powerful effort was punched clear on 54 minutes. Vics were on top now and took a deserved lead on 62 minutes, Aedan Coode's defence splitting pass causing mayhem for Alresford defenders, Toby SNOW chasing down caused the keeper to try and clear only to drill the ball against his own player and the ball running perfectly for him to walk the ball into an empty net.

Alresford now had to respond and equalised in the 72nd minute, a corner not cleared by Vics was poked home by Craig BRYANT. Just two minutes later and Bryant was clearing off of the line a decent strike from Scott Jones.

Vics took the lead again in the 75th minute, a corner swung in was met with power by Elliot WHEELER and his header beat Webb.

Alresford now had to push again and this was leaving gaps, Raff Boyd-Kerr unlucky with a decent strike on 79 minutes. Sanchez Mclean's effort on 88 minutes thundered against the crossbar and away to safety to the relief of the traveling Vics faithful.

With the 90 minutes up the noise was incredible but with injury time to play, Vics had to stay strong. Gareth Bracknell's effort just sailed over on 94 minutes and with Vics straining every sinew to keep Alresford out the 98th minute ticked by and the ref blew for full time. Little Vics in the play off final. Absolutely awesome.

FT 1-2

*Proper game of Football tonight. Both teams with their minds set on the prize, defending at its highest level from both sides, a fantastic Referee who allowed the game to flow and a great crowd.*

**SATURDAY 3 May 2025**

**DIVISION ONE PLAY OFF FINAL- Frimley Green 1-1 East Cowes Victoria (1-4 on penalties)**

**With Gary Day**

THE stage was set for the Wessex Division 1 Promotion Play-Off final as Frimley Green, who were runners-up, and therefore the host team, met East Cowes Vics who finished fourth and five points behind their opponents. Both won their midweek semi-final matches. A fair crowd assembled at the tree-lined ground on a most pleasant afternoon in Surrey.

Frimley started well and forced a few corners with a Bradley Pegg shot being deflected wide and a Zac Hawker cross just failing to pick out Harvey Everard in the middle. The Vics responded with Scott Jones' shot being blocked and a Gareth Bricknell free kick from the right apex being matched by a fine save by home keeper Giordano Zabotti. From a further Frimley Green corner, Jim Ward headed it back to the near post and Pegg headed over. It was a cagey half, both sides appreciating the importance of the game.

HT 0-0

Vics edged ahead early in the second half when the home side failed to clear and it fell to Elliott WHEELER to place a low shot into the corner. Vics keeper Alex Ram was in action as he deflected away a Nick Thumwood effort and as Nic Ciardini's free kick beat the wall he got his body to it and recovered to hold. Later Ram did extremely well to deflect a home header from close range following a corner.

Time was progressing and the Vics continued to hold on to their narrow lead but Frimley, understandably, got forward in search for the equaliser. Wheeler got in a good block to deny Everard and Ram got in two further blocks with his legs to deny first Pegg and then Ward.

Into stoppage time, and three minutes in Green won a corner and Adam MEKKI's wonderful curling ball went over Ram's outstretched hands and nestled into the far corner. What drama! With added time ending Vics put into operation a cunning plan as they replaced Ram with Fraser Law who was to face the penalties. FT 1-1

*Vics were successful with their first three penalty kicks (Harrison Yates, Rafferty Boyd-Kerr and Wheeler) whilst Frimley's first, taken by Ciardini struck the outside of the post. Mekki netted Frimley's next and Law lived up to the Vics' game plan to save Pegg's effort and their third taken. This left Jacob Reynolds to step up. A whole season could have depended on it and he coolly fired past the diving keeper to send Vics into the Premier Division.*

*It's 25 years since the Vics last played in the Wessex top division and there's been a few lean times in that period too, proving that rewards do eventually come your way. Frimley Green's two seasons in the league have been contrasting and, although losing must feel very raw and tough to take in the moment, they will no doubt bounce back.*

*Thanks to the club, for these two images and permission to use them*



## THE PLAY OFFS

Love them or hate them, they have become part of our League structure since 2021/22.

Each set of play-offs involve the four teams that finish directly below the automatic promotion place. These teams meet in a series of play-off matches to determine the final team that will be promoted. The play-offs were first introduced for our teams in 2021/22 in Division One- with the Premier Division being added for 2023/24 and have taken place at the conclusion of every season since. "Play Off Position" means the position of a Club in the table at the end of each Playing Season which is provided for in Rule 12 as qualifying the Club to take part in a play-off match to qualify for promotion to the next step of football for the next Playing Season.

The Semi Finals are between the team who finish second and fifth, and between the teams who finish third and fourth. The semi-finals are decided on the day, with games not having a result after 90 minutes being decided by penalties (in the first season extra time was played if required). The Final is then played at the home of the team who finished highest during regular season.

*In the table summaries below, [\*] indicates a points adjustment has been made for that team.*

## 2021/22

2021/22	DIVISION ONE	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	36	26	7	3	110	27	83	85	2.361
2	Andover New Street	36	26	6	4	120	41	79	84	2.333
3	Newport IOW	36	26	4	6	113	50	63	82	2.278
4	Folland Sports	36	25	6	5	115	45	70	81	2.250
5	Laverstock & Ford	36	24	6	6	91	51	40	78	2.167

### SEMI FINALS

19 April	Andover New Street	0-3	Laverstock & Ford	489	
20 April	Newport IOW	2-2 aet	Folland Sports	232	[5-4 on penalties]

### FINAL

23 April	Newport IOW	2-3 aet	Laverstock & Ford	488	
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Average home League attendance in the regular season in 2021/22

Andover New Street 160.474

Newport IOW 118.053

## 2022/23

2022/23	DIVISION ONE	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Andover New Street	38	29	6	3	104	39	65	93	2.447
2	Newport IOW	38	27	5	6	97	38	59	86	2.263
3	New Milton Town	38	27	3	8	116	50	66	84	2.211
4	Hamworthy Recreation	38	27	3	8	101	46	55	84	2.211
5	Petersfield Town	38	23	7	8	86	36	50	76	2.000

### SEMI FINALS

25 April	Newport IOW	0-0	Petersfield Town	279	(8-9 on penalties)
26 April	New Milton Town	1-1	Hamworthy Recreation	251	(3-1 on penalties)

### FINAL

29 April	New Milton Town	1-1	Petersfield Town	544	(2-4 on penalties)
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Average home League attendance in the regular season in 2022/23

Newport IOW 118.947

New Milton Town 101.632

## 2023/24

2023/24	PREMIER DIVISION	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Moneyfields [*]	38	33	3	2	141	39	102	99	2.605
2	AFC Stoneham	38	31	2	5	131	26	105	95	2.500
3	Shaftesbury	38	29	3	6	117	50	67	90	2.368
4	AFC Portchester	38	25	6	7	90	44	46	81	2.132
5	Baffins Milton Rovers	38	21	4	13	88	52	36	67	1.763

### SEMI FINALS

23 April	AFC Stoneham	2-1	Baffins Milton Rovers	270	
24 April	Shaftesbury	1-0	AFC Portchester	356	

### FINAL

27 April	AFC Stoneham	0-1	Shaftesbury	534	
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Average home League attendance in the regular season in 2023/24

AFC Stoneham 101.790

Shaftesbury 166.895

2023/24	DIVISION ONE	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
1	Hamworthy Recreation	40	32	4	4	143	41	102	100	2.500
2	Millbrook	40	31	1	8	152	53	99	94	2.350
3	Downton	40	29	7	4	121	44	77	94	2.350
4	Alresford Town	40	24	9	7	108	56	52	81	2.025
5	Fleetlands	40	22	9	9	91	52	39	75	1.875

#### SEMI FINALS

30 April Millbrook 5-1 Fleetlands 229

1 May Downton 2-0 Alresford Town 312

#### FINAL

4 May Millbrook 3-1 Downton 532

Average home League attendance in the regular season in 2023/24

Millbrook 66.900

Downton 127.700

### 2024/25

2024/25	PREMIER DIVISION	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
1	AFC Portchester	38	33	4	1	120	25	95	103	2.711
2	AFC Stoneham	38	27	10	1	114	23	91	91	2.395
3	Fareham Town	38	23	3	12	83	48	35	72	1.895
4	Hamble Club [*]	38	23	6	9	81	56	25	72	1.895
5	Andover New Street	38	22	6	10	73	53	20	72	1.895

#### SEMI FINALS

22 April AFC Stoneham 1-1 Andover New Street 505 (3-4 on penalties)

23 April Fareham Town 2-0 Hamble Club 698

#### FINAL

26 April Fareham Town 2-1 Andover New Street 1103

Average home League attendance in the regular season in 2024/25

AFC Stoneham 113.652

Fareham Town 341.684

2024/25	DIVISION ONE	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
1	New Milton Town	38	28	6	4	111	46	65	90	2.368
2	Frimley Green	38	24	7	7	107	55	52	79	2.079
3	Alresford Town	38	22	8	8	74	47	27	74	1.947
4	East Cowes Victoria [P]	38	21	9	8	69	42	27	72	1.895
5	Fleetlands	38	19	9	10	69	61	8	66	1.737

#### SEMI FINALS

29 April Frimley Green 2-1 Fleetlands 280

30 April Alresford Town 1-2 East Cowes Victoria 286

#### FINAL

3 May Frimley Green 1-1 East Cowes Victoria 570 (1-4 on penalties)

Average home League attendance in the regular season in 2024/25

Frimley Green 154.89

Alresford Town 113.84

## LEAGUE TABLES

**PREMIER DIVISION**- Champions promoted, Places 2-5 play off, Bottom two relegated.

**DIVISION ONE**- Champions promoted, Places 2-5 play off, Bottom three liable to relegation.

[\*] means points adjustment has been made

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	AFC Portchester [C]	38	33	4	1	120	25	95	103	2.711
2	AFC Stoneham	38	27	10	1	114	23	91	91	2.395
3	Fareham Town [P]	38	23	3	12	83	48	35	72	1.895
4	Hamble Club [*]	38	23	6	9	81	56	25	72	1.895
5	Andover New Street	38	22	6	10	73	53	20	72	1.895
6	Baffins Milton Rovers	38	21	7	10	73	53	20	70	1.842
7	Hamworthy Recreation	38	21	4	13	81	61	20	67	1.763
8	Millbrook	38	18	7	13	74	62	12	61	1.605
9	Sherborne Town	38	16	8	14	59	54	5	56	1.474
10	Christchurch	38	14	6	18	73	71	2	48	1.263
11	Bournemouth	38	12	9	17	59	71	-12	45	1.184
12	Cowes Sports	38	12	9	17	59	73	-14	45	1.184
13	Laverstock & Ford	38	13	6	19	67	84	-17	45	1.184
14	Hythe & Dibden	38	12	7	19	57	84	-27	43	1.132
15	Wincanton Town	38	11	7	20	64	100	-36	40	1.053
16	Brockenhurst	38	12	3	23	50	84	-34	39	1.026
17	Portland United	38	10	7	21	54	76	-22	37	0.974
18	Downton	38	9	6	23	44	93	-49	33	0.868
19	Blackfield & Langley [R]	38	7	3	28	38	85	-47	24	0.632
20	United Services Portsmouth [R]	38	2	6	30	29	96	-67	12	0.316

POS	DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	PPG
1	New Milton Town [C]	38	28	6	4	111	46	65	90	2.368
2	Frimley Green	38	24	7	7	107	55	52	79	2.079
3	Alresford Town	38	22	8	8	74	47	27	74	1.947
4	East Cowes Victoria [P]	38	21	9	8	69	42	27	72	1.895
5	Fleetlands	38	19	9	10	69	61	8	66	1.737
6	Hamworthy United	38	19	5	14	84	62	22	62	1.632
7	Ringwood Town	38	16	13	9	73	64	9	61	1.605
8	Newport (IoW)	38	15	13	10	74	54	20	58	1.526
9	Amesbury Town	38	15	7	16	66	75	-9	52	1.368
10	Cove	38	14	9	15	70	66	4	51	1.342
11	Whitchurch United	38	12	11	15	52	61	-9	47	1.237
12	Clanfield	38	13	7	18	61	68	-7	46	1.211
13	AFC Aldermaston	38	14	3	21	65	84	-19	45	1.184
14	Ash United	38	12	7	19	62	67	-5	43	1.132
15	Lymington Town	38	12	7	19	55	82	-27	43	1.132
16	Romsey Town	38	10	10	18	58	75	-17	40	1.053
17	Totton & Eling	38	9	10	19	46	69	-23	37	0.974
18	Folland Sports	38	9	9	20	43	80	-37	36	0.947
19	Fawley AFC	38	9	6	23	45	78	-33	33	0.868
20	Verwood Town	38	5	8	25	43	91	-48	23	0.605

## THE WESSEX PREMIER DIVISION 2024-25

*An Observer's view*

Another well run season but not such a close finish at the top as has often been the case in the past. Quite simply AFC PORTCHESTER were in a class of their own, finishing 12 points clear and finally clinching the Title that has eluded them for so long. They suffered only one defeat, dropped only seven points at home, ironically the only defeat was here and against Andover New Street back in October, and scored 120 goals. Second place went to AFC STONEHAM, who also topped the 100 goal mark, but again lost out on promotion in the play-offs and are beginning to suffer from the *"always the Bridesmaid, never the bride"* syndrome. Completing the top three were FAREHAM TOWN who, from 10th place last season, went on to triumph in the play-offs and will return to the Southern League (or equivalent) for the first time since 2006/07.

The top five were completed by HAMBLE CLUB and ANDOVER NEW STREET who had climbed from 12th and 14th place last season respectively with both ending level on points with Fareham. It was a tremendous season for the Andover side who also reached the semi-final stage of the Isuzu FA Vase as well as losing to Fareham in the Play off Final. They ran out of steam in that game- suffering from having to play too many games in the last three weeks.

BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS, always a threat, finished one place lower than last season in sixth spot followed by the two promoted Clubs, HAMWORTHY RECREATION and MILLBROOK, who can both be proud and pleased with their placings.

SHERBORNE TOWN, in their second season in the League, maintained their ninth place and were a threat to all at their Raleigh Grove Ground while CHRISTCHURCH climbed eight places from last season to complete the top ten. Like Christchurch, BOURNEMOUTH showed improvement from last season, climbing five places, and producing some impressive performances on occasions while for COWES SPORTS, carrying the Island Flag in the Premier Division, it was very much as last year as they dropped just one place.

It was something of a surprise to see LAVERSTOCK & FORD as low as 13th place. They seem to be undergoing a changing of the guard on the field and The Dell, their home ground, was not the fortress of previous seasons. As with Cowes, it was very much same again for HYTHE & DIBDEN who climbed one place and never flirted with the relegation area whilst 15th place was filled by League newcomers WINCANTON TOWN. The Somerset side had perhaps something of a raw deal from the FA as they won promotion from the Western League Division One but were promoted to the Premier Division of the Wessex League and had to find their feet very quickly.

Heading towards the relegation zone now and whilst BROCKENHURST always looked safe they dropped ten places in their first season without long-serving Manager Pat McManus. PORTLAND UNITED had a similar fall with changing of Manager (more than once) and the subsequent loss of experienced players not working in their favour. Points wise they finished well free of relegation but it is their lowest placing in the Premier Division in five years.

DOWNTON gained promotion as a sort of "lucky loser" as the FA sought to balance the numbers, but off field matters seemed to affect them badly and the season appeared a struggle both on and off the field. The same could very much be said of BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY as they took one of the relegation places just six seasons after being in the Southern League Premier Division in that fateful abandoned season brought on by the pandemic.

Bottom of the table were UNITED SERVICES PORTSMOUTH who, in an awful season, amassed only 12 points. With major renovations seemingly promised for the Stadium, one assumes next season is not going to be without problems.

*So, AFC PORTCHESTER take the plaudits with Andover New Street deserving honourable mention. Three months' time and it all starts over again!!*

## LEAGUE AGM

The League AGM will be at AFC Totton on Saturday, 14 June 2025.

## PRE-SEASON 2025/26

Please do contact me with any corrections and additions through the usual channels.

Please do NOT forget that the HOST team also MUST obtain sanction from their County FA before the game is played. Games are subject to change at little or no notice and are listed in GOOD FAITH, but please note that the League have no control over the proposed schedules, nor as to whether any games are changed or called off at short notice.

**Spectators are strongly recommended to check nearer the time if making a special journey.**

### Wednesday 16 July

Verwood Town v Wimborne Town [Steve Moore Trophy]

## THE LAST WORD

Congratulations to Assistant Referee, Paul Kirby, for being highly commended as an inspirational role model as a Deaf Referee in the Referee Recognition Awards 2025. He will be presented with his award at the National Football Museum, Manchester on Friday 9th May and has also been selected to attend the Deaflympics (a periodic series of multi-sport events sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee at which deaf athletes compete at an elite level) in Tokyo in November 2025. Congratulations!

No doubt some of you are already making plans for next season, and we shall be doing our usual pre-season listings and other news items across the close season. A bit of early information here is that we shall continue with a weekly newsletter across the break as well. Please do stay connected.

When planning their pre-season campaigns, clubs need to bear in mind we **may** have opening fixtures in the week prior to the Emirates FA Cup Extra Preliminary Round, no indication as yet as to those dates, we'll pass that on as soon as we know- but in the interim please bear in mind the season start date for 2024/25 was at the end of July.

Also a note for our 2025 Charity Cup, where plans are at the embryonic stage. The roll of honour currently looks like this-

2022	Hamworthy United	2-0	Shaftesbury	at Shaftesbury
2023	AFC Portchester	7-2	Baffins Milton Rovers	at AFC Portchester
2024	Moneyfields	0-0	Hamble Club [4-2 on penalties]	at Moneyfields

Please watch out either through these pages, the website, or on our social media channels for details- and get behind this worthy cause- which will see a new charity unveiled. The game is scheduled for Saturday 26 July, and will be between **AFC Portchester** and **Hamble Club** more details such as venue and admission prices will be forthcoming- but in the meantime please keep the date free in your calendar.



There's not much time left to grab those Advance tickets for the Velocity Wessex League Cup final - between AFC Portchester and Hamble Club on Monday May 5 (kick off 15:00) – they are STILL available to buy online. Priced £8 (adults), £4 (concessions) and £10 for a family ticket of an adult and up to two children. Either use the website address here or see our advert on page 2.

*We strongly recommend tickets are purchased ahead of the game to ensure smooth entry on the day!*

<https://ticketscandy.com/e/velocity-wessex-league-cup-final-afc-portchester-vs-hamble-club-fc-9245>

## PHOTO FINISH



*Congratulations to all concerned at East Cowes Victoria, who made a return to the top flight for the first time since 1999/2000. The game ended one each and needed penalties to decide it, with Vics winning 4-1. Here we see League Chair Nick Taplin presenting the trophy to captain Liam Newbold above and then the celebrations begin. Commiserations of course to Frimley Green.*





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