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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.

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



Action from the League Cup Final on Bank Holiday Monday. With thanks to Robin Caddy for the picture, AFC Portchester (orange) beat the holders Hamble Club 2-0 the same score as last season and revenge for that defeat. Portchester became the fifth League and League Cup double winning side with this victory.

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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

GOLDEN BOOT - LEAGUE GAMES ONLY 2024/25

Ten League goals or more

RANK	PREMIER DIVISION	GOALS	STARTS
1	Ryan Pennery AFC Portchester	36	35
2	Joe Freak Christchurch	22	34
3	Tyrrell Sampson AFC Stoneham	22	27
4	Chris Long Hamworthy Recreation	21	30
5	Lewis Williams Andover New Street	21	34
6	Jamie White Millbrook	20	28
7	Duarte Martins AFC Stoneham	19	26
8	Greg Borthwick [1] Portland United	18	14
9	Connor Duffin AFC Portchester	17	25
10	Brett Pitman [2] AFC Portchester	16	13
11	Matt Casey Hamble Club	15	34
12	Kelvin Robinson Baffins Milton Rovers	15	18
13	Sam Woodward Fareham Town	15	22
14	Addwell Chipangura Christchurch	14	26
15	Eddie Hodge Hamworthy Recreation	14	31
16	John McKie Cowes Sports	14	21
17	Lewis Wakeford Laverstock & Ford	14	27
18	Jamie Johnston AFC Stoneham	13	23
19	Harrison Brook AFC Portchester	12	26
20	Clayd Roach Hamble Club	12	24
21	Oliver Jenkins AFC Stoneham	11	16
22	Ash Pope AFC Stoneham	11	7
23	Lee Wort AFC Portchester	11	13
24	Adam Bournier Laverstock & Ford	10	35
25	Alfie Bridgman Fareham Town	10	21
26	Declan Cornish Sherborne Town	10	23
27	Dylan Hacon Hythe & Dibden	10	25
28	Archie Lovegrove Laverstock & Ford	10	32
29	Alex Murphy Sherborne Town	10	30
30	James Stocker Bournemouth	10	21
31	Max Wilcock Hamworthy Recreation	10	24

RANK	DIVISION ONE		GOALS	STARTS
1	Nick Thumwood	Frimley Green	35	35
2	Lee Vint	Ringwood Town	30	36
3	Barney Stone	New Milton Town	28	33
4	Brad Snelling	New Milton Town	25	35
5	Ji Nash	Newport (IoW)	23	34
6	Bailey Rowe	Hamworthy United	21	29
7	Nic Ciardini	Frimley Green	19	34
8	Oli Page	Fleetlands	18	30
9	Nathan Connolly	Cove	17	25
10	Connor Lopez	Lymington Town	17	31
11	Ben Morris	Amesbury Town	16	31
12	Will Peters	Cove	16	26
13	George Deem [3]	Hamworthy United	15	25
14	Jacob Wallace	AFC Aldermaston	15	28
15	Declan Hartigan	Fawley AFC	13	28
16	Callum Dart	Folland Sports	12	32
17	Nathan Gray	Fleetlands	12	27
18	Scott Jones	East Cowes Victoria	12	18
19	Maciej Marcinkowski [4]	Romsey Town	12	16
20	Simeon Weekes	AFC Aldermaston	12	20
21	Joe Briggs	Clanfield	11	26
22	Joe Butcher	Newport (IoW)	11	35
23	James Chivers	Ash United	11	19
24	Morris Musselwhite	Ash United	11	28
25	Harvey Everard	Frimley Green	10	34
26	Callum McHale	New Milton Town	10	22
27	Alex Morris	Lymington Town	10	31
28	Josh Neale	East Cowes Victoria	10	30

NOTES

- [1] Includes 16 for Portland United and 2 for Downton
- [2] Includes 12 for Baffins Milton Rovers and 4 for AFC Portchester
- [3] 15 for Hamworthy United PLUS 1 for Hamworthy Recreation
- [4] 12 for Romsey Town PLUS 2 for Blackfield & Langley

Above details are based on clubs having completed their records on Full Time as at time of publication

Just nine teams with their leading individual scorer netting fewer than ten times in league games-

Wincanton Town	Dan Wise	9
Brockenhurst	Jake Adams, Lyle Simpson	8 [each]
Downton	Tom Moseley, Ryan Osman, Asa Phillips	7 [each]
Blackfield & Langley	Keegan Kelly	5
United Services Portsmouth	Joe Johnson	4
Alresford Town	Aaron Blaxall, Sanchez McLean	8 [each]
Whitchurch United	Charlie Barlow	9
Totton & Eling	Harry Yeadon	8
Verwood Town	Mateusz Grzybowski	6

WESSEX TITLE WINNING SIDES- RANKED BY POINTS PER GAME

So who is the best ranked side to have won the top Division since the 1986/87 formation of our League? The listing is ranked on points per game to create a balance across the seasons and includes the two seasons that were not completed due to the pandemic. Mention must be made through of the highest number of points achieved- 116 on two occasions by Poole Town (2008/09) and Andover (2000/01- who also weigh in with the highest number of goals scored in a league campaign [153]). Just one team has gone the complete season unbeaten. Take a bow AFC Lymington way back in 1996/97!

SEASON	FIRST TIER	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
2018/2019	Sholing	38	34	3	1	117	24	93	105	2.763
2008/2009	Poole Town	42	38	2	2	144	34	110	116	2.762
1996/1997	AFC Lymington	40	35	5	0	112	22	90	110	2.750
2024/2025	AFC Portchester	38	33	4	1	120	25	95	103	2.711
2020/2021	Hamworthy United [\$]	14	12	1	1	50	9	41	37	2.643
2000/2001	Andover	44	37	5	2	153	33	120	116	2.636
2015/2016	Salisbury	40	34	3	3	126	29	97	105	2.625
2023/2024	Moneyfields [*]	38	33	3	2	141	39	102	99	2.605
2009/2010	Poole Town	42	35	4	3	128	40	88	109	2.595
2022/2023	Horndean	38	32	2	4	126	21	105	98	2.579
2003/2004	Winchester City	42	35	3	4	151	35	116	108	2.571
1988/1989	Bashley	32	26	4	2	87	24	63	82	2.563
1993/1994	Wimborne Town	42	34	5	3	126	41	85	107	2.548
2005/2006	Winchester City	42	34	5	3	112	31	81	107	2.548
1999/2000	Wimborne Town	40	32	4	4	126	33	93	100	2.500
2010/2011	Poole Town	42	33	5	4	132	44	88	104	2.476
2011/2012	Winchester City	42	33	5	4	138	39	99	104	2.476
2013/2014	Sholing	42	33	5	4	134	29	105	104	2.476
2012/2013	Blackfield & Langley	40	31	6	3	100	31	69	99	2.475
2021/2022	Hamworthy United	40	30	9	1	102	29	73	99	2.475
2002/2003	Eastleigh	42	32	7	3	115	32	83	103	2.452
1992/1993	AFC Lymington	40	30	7	3	111	27	84	97	2.425
1997/1998	AFC Lymington	38	29	5	4	94	27	67	92	2.421
2007/2008	AFC Totton	44	33	7	4	120	39	81	106	2.409
2014/2015	Petersfield Town	40	29	9	2	118	42	76	96	2.400
1994/1995	Fleet Town	42	32	4	6	116	43	73	100	2.381
2017/2018	Blackfield & Langley	42	31	7	4	118	28	90	100	2.381
2004/2005	Lymington & New Milton	42	31	6	5	123	41	82	99	2.357
2016/2017	Portland United	42	31	6	5	106	43	63	99	2.357
1986/1987	Bashley	32	24	3	5	71	30	41	75	2.344
2006/2007	Gosport Borough	38	27	8	3	87	27	60	89	2.342
1987/1988	Bashley	36	26	6	4	91	26	65	84	2.333
1995/1996	Thatcham Town	40	28	8	4	73	27	46	92	2.300
1998/1999	Lymington & New Milton	38	27	6	5	92	31	61	87	2.289
2019/2020	Alresford Town [\$]	30	22	2	6	74	41	33	68	2.267
1989/1990	Romsey Town	36	25	6	5	84	31	53	81	2.250
1991/1992	Wimborne Town	36	25	5	6	82	37	45	80	2.222
2001/2002	Andover	44	30	6	8	138	53	85	96	2.182
1990/1991	Havant Town	38	24	8	6	76	30	46	80	2.105

The second tier first came along in 2004/05, the first winners being Lymington Town who also head the chart below both on the formula and also by points gained (108). The three figure mark being reached by three other clubs in the last 20 years- Tadley Calleva (2007/08), Totton & Eling (2008/09) and more recently Hamworthy Recreation in 2023/24; the Magna Road outfit also topped the goals for record that season.

SEASON	SECOND TIER	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
2004/2005	Lymington Town	42	35	3	4	121	28	93	108	2.571
2020/2021	Laverstock & Ford [\$]	14	11	3	0	47	18	29	36	2.571
2007/2008	Tadley Calleva	40	33	3	4	134	45	89	102	2.550
2008/2009	Totton & Eling [*]	40	31	8	1	124	34	90	100	2.500
2023/2024	Hamworthy Recreation	40	32	4	4	143	41	102	100	2.500
2016/2017	Hamble Club	40	32	3	5	133	37	96	99	2.475
2015/2016	Portland United	34	27	3	4	97	25	72	84	2.471
2013/2014	Petersfield Town	30	23	5	2	118	36	82	74	2.467
2022/2023	Andover New Street	38	29	6	3	104	39	65	93	2.447
2010/2011	Downton	36	27	7	2	106	29	77	88	2.444
2014/2015	Team Solent	28	22	1	5	83	38	45	67	2.393
2024/2025	New Milton Town	38	28	6	4	111	46	65	90	2.368
2006/2007	Hayling United	36	27	4	5	116	32	84	85	2.361
2021/2022	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	36	26	7	3	110	27	83	85	2.361
2011/2012	Verwood Town	34	25	5	4	91	38	53	80	2.353
2005/2006	Locks Heath	42	31	5	6	96	28	68	98	2.333
2018/2019	AFC Stoneham	36	26	6	4	124	42	82	84	2.333
2012/2013	Brockenhurst	30	22	3	5	82	26	56	69	2.300
2019/2020	United Services Portsmouth [*]	28	20	4	4	86	33	53	64	2.286
2017/2018	Christchurch	34	23	8	3	88	33	55	77	2.265
2009/2010	Hamble ASSC	40	26	7	7	102	43	59	85	2.125

The League was made up of three divisions for three seasons, so for completeness here is the PPG record for those three seasons. Could it be a sign that the 2004/05 champions Colden Common have collected the Hampshire Premier League Senior Division title this season, some 20 years later and find themselves in the position of potentially joining us once again?

SEASON	THIRD TIER	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	PPG
2006/2007	Fleetlands	30	25	2	3	101	18	83	77	2.567
2004/2005	Colden Common	38	28	4	6	123	39	84	88	2.316
2005/2006	Paulsgrove	30	20	6	4	91	34	57	66	2.200

In all three tiers, please note the following codes apply;

[*] - Points adjustment made

[\$] - Curtailed season (Pandemic)

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. Yes, there is still some activity.

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]

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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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YELLOW CARD COUNT	SEASON	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25
AFC Aldermaston	71	5	6	14	5	5	5	11	12	8
AFC Portchester	78	5	13	10	9	6	9	9	8	9
AFC Stoneham	47	3	9	7	4	6	5	2	10	1
Alresford Town	67	7	5	9	5	6	12	3	9	11
Amesbury Town	69	15	11	6	9	3	5	5	11	4
Andover New Street	62	6	10	10	4	3	3	5	13	8
Ash United	72	6	12	6	11	10	3	12	5	7
Baffins Milton Rovers	67	7	4	8	6	6	7	7	14	8
Blackfield & Langley	84	17	14	4	8	8	13	11	5	4
Bournemouth	73	9	4	13	16	7	1	7	9	7
Brockenhurst	76	8	9	4	10	7	4	11	19	4
Christchurch	56	5	11	8	7	3	9	6	6	1
Clanfield	59	9	11	5	11	9	5	3	4	2
Cove	72	11	8	12	11	6	1	8	10	5
Cowes Sports	51	5	6	5	11	2	5	6	5	6
Downton	71	13	11	9	9	1	8	8	9	3
East Cowes Victoria	65	9	7	5	8	2	5	13	10	6
Fareham Town	69	8	6	2	8	10	1	13	16	5
Fawley AFC	59	9	3	9	9	1	7	5	11	5
Fleetlands	60	3	4	10	11	2	4	3	18	5
Folland Sports	75	9	5	9	13	8	4	6	8	13
Frimley Green	60	12	6	5	7	5	3	7	6	9
Hamble Club	74	9	12	9	6	5	8	9	8	8
Hamworthy Recreation	58	10	7	7	6	7	5	5	5	6
Hamworthy United	65	15	10	5	3	7	6	3	12	4
Hythe & Dibden	72	17	12	6	7	6	4	6	8	6
Laverstock & Ford	79	11	13	9	13	3	8	7	11	4
Lymington Town	62	5	8	7	13	6	2	10	8	3
Millbrook	95	15	7	7	11	8	4	16	15	12
New Milton Town	48	5	5	3	6	2	7	8	5	7
Newport IOW	66	8	1	3	9	6	12	7	10	10
Portland United	66	14	8	9	9	3	6	2	12	3
Ringwood Town	43	7	3	6	4	2	5	4	7	5
Romsey Town	44	2	9	5	7	4	0	8	8	1
Sherborne Town	62	11	3	10	7	6	3	3	12	7
Totton & Eling	66	7	10	7	8	4	3	10	12	5
U.S. Portsmouth	67	3	15	9	4	5	3	11	7	10
Verwood Town	51	9	4	3	8	7	7	3	7	3
Whitchurch United	62	1	13	6	5	6	6	8	12	5
Wincanton Town	63	10	5	5	9	9	2	8	8	7
TOTAL	2606	340	320	286	327	212	210	289	385	237
Premier Division	1370	186	179	151	164	111	108	152	200	119
Division One	1236	154	141	135	163	101	102	137	185	118
	2606	340	320	286	327	212	210	289	385	237

RED CARD COUNT	SEASON	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25
AFC Aldermaston	8	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	3
AFC Portchester	6	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
AFC Stoneham	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Alresford Town	6	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Amesbury Town	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Andover New Street	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ash United	4	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Baffins Milton Rovers	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Blackfield & Langley	7	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	0	0
Bournemouth	6	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
Brockenhurst	6	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	1
Christchurch	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Clanfield	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cove	9	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
Cowes Sports	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Downton	8	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	1	1
East Cowes Victoria	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fareham Town	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2
Fawley AFC	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Fleetlands	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Folland Sports	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Frimley Green	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hamble Club	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hamworthy Recreation	6	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
Hamworthy United	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hythe & Dibden	11	2	0	4	2	0	1	1	0	1
Laverstock & Ford	6	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	0
Lymington Town	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Millbrook	9	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	0
New Milton Town	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Newport IOW	6	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Portland United	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ringwood Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romsey Town	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Sherborne Town	6	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Totton & Eling	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
U.S. Portsmouth	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Verwood Town	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Whitchurch United	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Wincanton Town	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	168	16	16	18	33	16	16	18	16	19
Premier Division	99	8	7	13	20	12	11	11	8	9
Division One	69	8	9	5	13	4	5	7	8	10
	168	16	16	18	33	16	16	18	16	19

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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

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LEAGUE AGM

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

Latest from the Dorset Premier League



RESULTS

Saturday 10 May

Dorset Premier League Supplementary Cup Final

Bournemouth Electric 2-4 aet Cobham Sports [Broadway Lane]

FIXTURES

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 6 May

Colden Common 3-2 Andover Town

Wednesday 7 May

Liphook United 3-1 Whitehill & Bordon

Saturday 10 May

Andover Town 3-4 Liphook United

Harvest 2-2 Hook

George Mason Memorial Shield Final

Denmead 1-4 Liss Athletic

Hampshire Premier League Cup Final

Colden Common 1-2 Crofton Saints

Aldershot Intermediate [Mark Coombes] Cup Final

Rushmoor Community 2-2 Whitehill & Bordon [away win on penalties]

TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colden Common	30	23	2	5	113	41	72	71
2	Liss Athletic	29	20	0	9	103	44	59	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	29	16	1	12	65	55	10	49
7	Liphook United	30	16	0	14	79	79	0	48
8	Hook	30	14	5	11	57	48	9	47
9	Stockbridge	30	15	1	14	52	64	-12	46
10	Harvest	30	11	6	13	51	54	-3	39
11	Meon Milton	30	11	5	14	67	65	2	38
12	Denmead	29	11	4	14	64	86	-22	37
13	Whitehill & Bordon	29	11	3	15	61	71	-10	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	111	-72	13

FIXTURES

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

Saturday 10 May

Fountain Trophies Senior Cup Final

Bemerton Heath Harlequins Reserves 2-2 Cricklade Town [1-3 on penalties]

Saturday, 10 May 2025

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Latest from the Hampshire Combination & Development League



RESULTS

Sunday 4 May

Under 18 East Division

AFC Portchester 3-3 Horndean

Cowes Sports 2-4 Hamble Club U17

Under 18 West Division

Cobham Sports 4-1 Salisbury U17

Monday 5 May 2025

Division One

Liss Athletic 2-3 Downton

Tuesday 6 May

Under 23 Supplementary Shield Group A

AFC Stoneham 2-3 Hamble Club

Hamble Club win Group A & will play Lymington Town in the semi-finals.

AFC Stoneham will play North Waltham in the other semi-final.

Wednesday 7 May

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Semi Final

Hedge End Rangers 0-4 Bashley U23

Bashley U23s play New Milton Town in the final at Hythe & Dibden on Friday May 16th (19.45)

Under 23 Premier Division

AFC Totton 4-0 Fareham Town

Under 23 Supplementary Shield Group B

Andover New Street A/W Romsey Town

Under 18 East Division

Havant & Waterlooville 1-1 U.S. Portsmouth

Petersfield Town 2-2 Hamble Club U17

Under 18 Central Division

Winchester City Red H/W Gosport Borough

Thursday 8 May

Under 18 West Division

Salisbury U18 1-4 New Milton Town

Saturday 10 May

Division One

Liphook United 2-2 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	Downton	22	15	0	7	79	48	31	45
3	Ringwood Town	22	14	2	6	88	64	24	44
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	22	8	3	11	60	60	0	27
9	Whitehill & Bordon	22	7	2	13	49	87	-38	23
10	Liss Athletic	22	6	4	12	62	74	-12	22
11	New Milton Town	22	5	3	14	41	57	-16	18
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	10	9	1	0	36	5	31	28
2	Winchester City U23	9	6	2	1	23	12	11	20
3	Fareham Town U23	9	4	3	2	22	15	7	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	21	15	4	2	49
2	Fareham Town U18 Black	21	13	4	4	43
3	AFC Portchester U18	22	13	4	5	43
4	Petersfield Town U18	22	12	5	5	41
5	Cowes Sports U18	21	10	3	8	33
6	Moneyfields U18	22	9	4	9	31
7	Havant & Waterlooville U18	22	8	6	8	30
8	Whiteley Wanderers U18	22	9	2	11	29
9	United Services Portsmouth U18	21	8	2	11	26
10	Baffins Milton Rovers U18	22	6	3	13	21
11	Clanfield U18	22	4	1	17	13
12	Horndean U18	22	3	2	17	11

POS	U18 WEST DIVISION	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	New Milton Town U18	18	14	2	2	44
2	Wimborne Town U18 Black	18	14	2	2	44
3	Poole Town Wessex U18	18	12	2	4	38
4	Cobham Sports U18	17	8	3	6	27
5	Winchester City U18 Black	18	7	3	8	24
6	Fawley AFC U18	18	7	2	9	23
7	Brockenhurst U18	18	7	1	10	22
8	Salisbury U18	17	4	2	11	14
9	Bournemouth Poppies U17	18	3	3	12	12
10	Salisbury U17	18	2	2	14	8

POS	U18 CENTRAL DIVISION	P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Winchester City Red U18	22	19	1	2	58
2	Hedge End Rangers U18 Lions	22	16	3	3	51
3	Gosport Borough U18	22	14	5	3	47
4	Eastleigh U18 Blues	22	12	5	5	41
5	Hamble Club U18 Blue	22	12	4	6	40
6	AFC Stoneham Knights	22	11	1	10	34
7	Wimborne Town U18 White	22	9	3	10	30
8	Eastleigh U18 Yellow	22	9	2	11	29
9	Romsey Town U18	22	5	2	15	17
10	Sholing U18 Red	22	4	3	15	15
11	Sholing U18 Black	22	3	5	14	14
12	Vectis U18	22	0	2	20	2

FIXTURES

Sunday 11 May

Under 18 East Division

Cowes Sports v Fareham Town Black

U.S. Portsmouth v Hamble Club U17

Tuesday 13 May

Under 23 Supplementary Shield Semi Final

North Waltham v AFC Stoneham

Wednesday 14 May

Under 23 Premier Division

Bashley v AFC Totton

Under 23 West Division

Hedge End Rangers v Verwood Town

Thursday 15 May

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup Final

Hamble Club v Fareham Town

at Havant & Waterlooville (19.45)

Friday 16 May

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Final

New Milton Town v Bashley U23

at Hythe & Dibden (19.45)

In the Neighbourhood Watch section, an [] in any table means points adjustments have been made.
Fixtures listed are published in good faith and are subject to alteration or cancellation at short notice.*

MJM SPORTS - RESPECT AWARD

The final awards for this season have been announced. In the Premier Division it went to **Christchurch** and in Division One the award was made to **Romsey Town**. *Congratulations to both sides.*

	Premier Division	Division One
Aug-24	United Services Portsmouth	Whitchurch United
Sep-24	Sherborne Town	Newport IOW
Oct-24	Wincanton Town	Clanfield
Nov-24	Andover New Street	Hamworthy United
Dec-24	Cowes Sports	Ringwood Town
Jan-25	Wincanton Town	Lymington Town
Feb-25	AFC Stoneham	Clanfield
Mar-25	Hamworthy Recreation	Ash United
Apr-25	Christchurch	Romsey Town

Please see below details of the new sponsorship arrangement between the Velocity Wessex League and MJM Sports. Although the League constitution for Season 2025/26 has not yet been received from the FA due to a delay in the Play Off procedure in the Combined Counties League, it has been decided to release details of this sponsorship to enable Velocity Wessex League Clubs to go ahead and order kit using the £400.00 per Club credit. Please note that any enquiries relating to this sponsorship should be directed to Heather or Terry at MJM Sports, and furthermore, only members of the Velocity Wessex League for Season 2025/26 are eligible to receive this deal.

MJM Sports £400 Voucher

We're pleased to introduce a new Club Credit Scheme launching from April 1st, giving your club greater flexibility when planning kit and equipment purchases throughout the year.

How It Works



From April 1st to November 30th, MJM Sports will apply a £400 club credit to your account. This balance can be used towards a wide selection of items to support your team both on and off the pitch.



Eligible for Use On:

- **Match Kits** – Custom shirts, shorts, and socks for home and away
- **Benchwear** – Tracksuits, jackets, midlayers, and more
- **Off-Field Equipment** – Goal nets, cones, flags, bibs, etc.
- **Club Shop Products** – Supporter gear and custom club merchandise
- **Deposits** – Use the credit as a deposit on upcoming orders

(Excludes footballs)



Please note: Credit cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or promotional discount.

Extra Bonus for Velocity Wessex League Clubs



As your club is part of the Velocity Wessex League, your monthly Respect Award will be added to your account as additional credit. It's our way of recognising your sportsmanship and commitment.

CLUB OF THE MONTH

The final awards for this season have been announced. In the Premier Division it went to **AFC Portchester** and in Division One the award was made to **New Milton Town**. *Congratulations to both sides.*

	Premier Division
Aug-24	Baffins Milton Rovers
Sep-24	Fareham Town
Oct-24	Hamble Club
Nov-24	AFC Stoneham
Dec-24	AFC Stoneham
Jan-25	AFC Stoneham
Feb-25	AFC Portchester
Mar-25	Andover New Street
Apr-25	AFC Portchester

Division One
Frimley Green
East Cowes Victoria
Hamworthy United
Fleetlands
New Milton Town
East Cowes Victoria
Cove
Ringwood Town
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.

DORSET FA BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES

Dorset County FA are currently recruiting for two new Board members – an Independent Non-Executive Finance Director and an Independent Non-Executive Director.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE FINANCE DIRECTOR

Dorset FA is inviting applications to join the Board of Directors as a Non-Executive Finance Director. They are looking for an individual with skills and experience in finance who has a passion for developing grassroots football in Dorset. This is a volunteer role for which appropriate expenses will be paid. The successful candidate for this role will be instrumental in helping the County continue to be a financially sound organisation as part of the FA Code of Governance.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Whether you are a lifelong football enthusiast, player, volunteer, coach or a corporate professional looking to contribute your expertise, County are committed to creating a Board which has diverse skills, experience and backgrounds that can add value to the game. This is a volunteer role for which appropriate expenses will be paid.

Application deadline for both positions is 14 May 2025. To find out more and apply, please download their application pack- <https://www.dorsetfa.com/news/2025/apr/17/board-recruitment-2025>

WINNING PERCENTAGES FOR MEMBER CLUBS

There have been 104 teams who have played Wessex level football since 1986/87, including several that have seen a change of name across the seasons. This little chart shows the CURRENT Premier Division and Division One teams ranked by percentage of wins they have achieved since joining. The top and bottom ranked sides are shown at the foot for context.

Overall ranking is based on completed season league tables for participating clubs, so Dave Coleman AFC, and Infinity for example are not included as they left during a season. It does however include the two pandemic seasons.

RANK	TEAM [Current First Tier]		RANK	TEAM [Current Second Tier]	
3	Hamworthy Recreation	68.966%	13	Fleetlands	57.009%
16	AFC Stoneham [*]	56.264%	23	New Milton Town [*]	50.076%
19	Millbrook	51.974%	28	Newport IOW	48.000%
20	Baffins Milton Rovers	50.968%	40	Cove	43.590%
21	AFC Portchester	50.914%	41	Frimley Green	43.590%
39	Sherborne Town	44.737%	42	Hamworthy United	43.590%
44	Laverstock & Ford	42.019%	50	Alresford Town	39.755%
45	Blackfield & Langley	41.648%	56	Romsey Town	38.251%
47	Fareham Town	41.321%	60	Clanfield	37.500%
49	Hamble Club	39.759%	64	Ringwood Town	35.493%
52	Christchurch	39.193%	65	Verwood Town	35.224%
55	Portland United	38.475%	66	Lymington Town	35.199%
61	Bournemouth	37.294%	69	Totton & Eling [*]	34.207%
62	Cowes Sports	36.851%	74	Fawley	33.165%
63	Brockenhurst	35.609%	76	Amesbury Town	32.627%
71	United Services Portsmouth [*]	34.021%	77	Folland Sports [*]	31.992%
72	Downton	33.824%	78	Whitchurch United	29.703%
73	Andover New Street	33.789%	82	East Cowes Victoria	28.804%
75	Hythe & Dibden	32.969%	86	Ash United	23.684%
80	Wincanton Town	28.947%	88	AFC Aldermaston	22.000%
1	Salisbury	85.000%	[*] This club has had other incarnations		
92	Yateley Green	5.263%			

SEASON END SUMMARY

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

Now that the regular season league matches are complete (3 are left un-decided), some vital stats! 19,521 league matches played, 6 have been awarded without being played and 3 have not been decided and probably won't be played from Steps 1 to 6.

There have been 83 different results.

1-1 was the most common score, 1751 times or 8.97% of the total results.

It's amazing how symmetrical the occurrence of results is after the 1-1 draw:

2-1 - 1561 times

1-2 - 1412

1-0 - 1341

0-1 - 1202

2-0 - 1123

2-2 - 1013

0-2 - 976

The most times a score happened on one day was 45 times, 1-1 on 1st and 8th March.

The home team scored in 79.02% of matches

The away team scored in 74.61% of matches

Highest scoring draw was 6-6, just once 5-5 happened 5 times!

All 3 National Leagues had 35 different results!!

The most different results was in the Eastern Counties Div 1 South with 50

The least different results was in the Northern Premier East & Southern Counties East Div 1 with 32

Most leagues games on a Saturday was 462 on 10th August

Least amount of league games on a Saturday was just 84 on 7th December

ISUZU FA VASE FACTS

*Reproduced by kind permission of @favasefactfile (on Twitter/X)-
many thanks for all his statistical analysis this season and before!*

The FA Vase celebrates its 50th anniversary Final tomorrow, Sunday 11th May 2025.

To commemorate this special occasion an arbitrary but logical points system based on rounds reached by clubs to enable their performances in the competition across the past 50 years to be ranked has been produced, **and does not include points achieved this season, 2024/25.**

Rankings based purely on how many times clubs have lifted the Vase would put Whitley Bay at the top of the list courtesy of their four triumphs in the first eleven years of the 21st Century, but a points based system reflecting clubs' performances throughout the 50 years of the Vase's existence highlights clubs' real involvement in the competition.

Rank	Club	Seasons	Points	2024/25 added
1273	AFC Aldermaston	6	9	11
671	AFC Portchester	14	37	38
1055	AFC Stoneham	8	16	23
590	Alresford Town	17	44	45
405	Amesbury Town	30	63	63 [did not compete in 24/25]
753	Andover New Street	17	31	40
115	Ash United	46	109	110
935	Baffins Milton Rovers	7	21	23
354	Blackfield & Langley	24	69	71
115	Bournemouth	37	109	110
6	Brockenhurst	50	158	160 [top current Wessex side]
129	Christchurch	34	107	109
-	Clanfield	-	-	1 [24/25 is their first season]
299	Cove	37	76	76 [did not compete in 24/25]
243	Cowes Sports	29	87	89
412	Downton	29	62	67
568	East Cowes Victoria	24	46	50
299	Fareham Town	26	76	82
891	Fawley AFC	13	23	24
1458	Fleetlands	2	4	7
568	Folland Sports [*]	22	46	47
272	Frimley Green	34	80	82
891	Hamble Club	7	23	27
1394	Hamworthy Recreation	1	6	10
398	Hamworthy United	23	64	66
935	Hythe & Dibden	13	21	22
723	Laverstock & Ford	14	33	35
468	Lymington Town	20	56	57
1506	Millbrook	2	3	6
243	New Milton Town [*]	23	87	93
31	Newport (IOW)	33	140	142
766	Portland United	13	30	31
738	Ringwood Town	20	32	33
325	Romsey Town	31	73	74
364	Sherborne Town	30	68	72
456	Totton & Eling [*]	26	57	58
341	United Services Portsmouth [*]	33	71	72
723	Verwood Town	15	33	36
590	Whitchurch United	23	44	46
1164	Wincanton Town	9	12	14

In the table above, points are awarded based upon the number of times each club reached each round in the competition.

1 point	– for each time exiting in 1st Qualifying or Extra Preliminary Round
2 points	– for each time exiting in 2nd Qualifying or Preliminary Round
3 points	– for each time exiting in the 1st Round
4 points	– for each time exiting in the 2nd Round
5 points	– for each time exiting in the 3rd Round
6 points	– for each time exiting in the 4th Round
7 points	– for each time exiting in the 5th Round
8 points	– for each time exiting in the 6th Round [Quarter Final]
9 points	– for each time exiting in the Semi Final
10 points	– for each time being beaten Finalists
11 points	– for each time lifting the FA Vase

Whitley Bay's four wins contribute 44 points to their overall total of 128 points and that tally places the club in 48th position in the overall points table. Top ranked side are Tunbridge Wells (182 points). There are 1634 teams altogether- here are the rankings for our current membership (40)- and does not consider name changes [*]; it is the current incarnation shown above.

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.

Saturday 12 July

East Cowes Victoria v Hartpury University

Wednesday 16 July

Verwood Town v Wimborne Town [*Steve Moore Trophy*]

Saturday 19 July

Ash United v Milton United

East Cowes Victoria v Saltdean United [13:00]

RESULTS

Monday 5 May

Velocity Wessex League Cup Final

AFC Portchester 2-0 Hamble Club 652

Marley Ridge 44

Lee Wort 86

Tuesday 6 May

North Hants Senior Cup Final

Basingstoke Town 6-0 Romsey Town *

James Clark 3 pen

D'Andre Brown 46, 85

Connor Barrett 49, 90+5

OG 68

Thursday 8 May

Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Final

AFC Stoneham

1-3 AFC Portchester
Marley Ridge 7, 46
Josh Clack 23

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Saturday 10 May

Isle of Wight Gold Cup Final

East Cowes Victoria

1-2 Cowes Sports
Scott McFarlane 6
Callum Chase 20

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MATCH REPORTS

MONDAY 5 MAY

VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE CUP FINAL- AFC Portchester 2-0 Hamble Club

With Jon Renyard

To round off my season, the League Cup Final, for the second successive year featuring Portchester and Hamble: Portchester bidding for the league and cup double, and the Monks seeking to defend their trophy... 652 in attendance...

For 75 minutes, this was a very watchable encounter – two well-matched teams, both trying to play positive football, and lit up by a wonderful goal from Marley Ridge. Gradually, as time slipped away, Hamble found the mountain a bit too tough to climb, and by the time Lee Wort scored the second with four minutes to go it was no surprise and even, perhaps, overdue; that sealed the league and cup double.

Hamble Club probably shaded the opening stages of the game, without managing to trouble Mowthorpe in the Portchy goal. Did the Royals get a lucky early break? A long ball over the top, Douglas got beyond the defence, brought down by the last man... in my view, the yellow was the correct decision, Douglas didn't have the ball under control and there were other defenders in the vicinity, but you know, seen 'em given. The Monks found themselves in good positions quite a few times, with Douglas and Hamilton impressing, but high crosses were routinely headed away by an impressive back line and Portchester – after all of two weeks off – didn't look quite as slick as usual. Having said which, the flow of the game wasn't helped by a strong, gusty wind which made the flight of the ball quite unpredictable.

Just after the half-hour, Ridge was booked for a late challenge on Chivers: both obviously going for the ball, but it was close to us and the contact sounded horrific; glad both were able to continue. It then briefly became the Marley Ridge show: first a clever dart into the box but just unable to get enough on the ball to lift it over the keeper. 40 minutes, a clean volley from the edge of the box which hit Chivers and went just wide for a corner – could have gone anywhere!

Brief interlude, Newman just claimed a ball ahead of the onrushing Wort, who collided with him and was booked, a harsh decision. Back to Ridge, last minute of the 45: wonderful control inside the area to hold off three defenders, played the ball back to Brook who seemed to take too long and lose the momentum, back to RIDGE on the edge of the box – superb, curling effort around the defenders and in at the far post. We were right behind it and had the perfect view; Newman probably saw it late. A great way to open the scoring in a final.

HT 1-0

The Royals always looked the more likely in the second half, although it wasn't one-way traffic. 48th minute, a shot from Pennery, well saved by Newman, who then got back up to superbly block the follow-up from Ridge. 53, a neat move on the right, Pennery with a brilliant turn but his shot went wide of the far post. Just after – another piledriver from Ridge, magnificent block from Chivers, the rebound suddenly setting the Monks free, Gange in pursuit but Mowthorpe got there first and cleared out to the left wing which nearly led to a chance... breathless!

69, a header into the box from Ridge, Newman was rooted to the spot but Pennery's lob went over the bar. But, as all that shows, it felt as though a second goal was coming; Hamble weren't moving the ball quickly enough, or quite accurately enough, to create a clear opening. And, as noted above, in the last 15 minutes Portchester basically took control of the ball and didn't look under much pressure. They finally scored the

second with four minutes to go, WORT collecting the ball on the left, beating his man, moving into the box and beating Newman from an unlikely angle.

There could have been more – a great run from his own half from Brook in injury time, his cross smashing into Honeysett (what a great recovery run that was) and hitting the side-netting; and then an Alamo moment, with shots saved and blocked, last ditch tackles, somehow the ball staying out and giving a final score which was just about right.

FT 2-0

THURSDAY 8 MAY

RUSSELL-COTES BENEVOLENT CUP FINAL- AFC Stoneham 1-3 AFC Portchester

With Tim Smith

AFC Portchester made it a treble of trophies with a comprehensive 3-1 victory over rivals Stoneham in the Russell Cotes Cup final at the Stoneham Football Complex.

In truth, it looked a game too far for Stoneham following their Wessex League disappointment, with Manager James Phillips admitting in his post-match interview that his team looked below par and “owed it too themselves to play better” in next week’s Southampton Senior Cup showdown with Millbrook.

The shadows were lengthening on a sunny evening as the teams lined up for the pre-match presentations. The Purps kept six of the starting eleven from the play-off semi-final, with skipper Alex Welch suspended, whilst the Royals retained nine of the side from Monday’s Wessex League Cup Final.

Portchester applied the early pressure, although Stoneham had the first chance with a good run by Jamie Johnston leading to a header from Duarte Martins. But three minutes later the Royals made the breakthrough – a surging run by Ryan Wilkins down the right, with his low cross being rifled in off the bar by Marley RIDGE.

Stoneham were playing the ball comfortably round at the back, but with little penetration, with Wilkins the dominant force in midfield for Portchester.

And it was the team in orange who hit a purple patch midway through the half to take a firm grip on the game. After Lee Wort had his 21st minute shot saved by Stoneham keeper Lee Webber, it was the same player who played a great through ball to Josh CLACK who slotted home for 2-0. It was almost three five minutes later when Clack hit the bar following a good move down the left wing.

Stoneham had two late first half chances, with Tyrrell Sampson feeding Jim Orvis in for a chance and a free kick in a dangerous position after Portchester’s Ash Howes had been booked, but both came to nothing.

HT 0-2

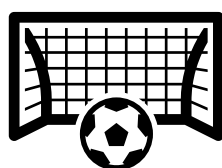
Manager Phillips made three half-time changes for Stoneham, but any chance of a comeback was thwarted just 30 seconds into the second period, when RIDGE headed home after a parried shot to make it 3-0.

Lewis Nagle had a dangerous shot across the face of goal for Stoneham on 57 minutes, but it was Portchester who continued to have the better chances. Late in the half they brought on twin strikers Ryan Pennery and Brett Pitman, with over sixty goals between them this season, but the game was won with no need for the extra firepower, although Pennery did set Ridge up for a shot which was deflected wide.

Stoneham forced a couple of late chances and it was sub Ash POPE who bagged a consolation in added time with a fine side foot volley.

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But it was the Royals who thoroughly deserved to pick up their third cup of the season with a chance of a fourth in the Portsmouth Senior Cup Final against Moneyfields. For Stoneham, it’s on to St Mary’s hoping for a positive end to another season of ‘what might have been’.



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

WESSEX DIVISION ONE 2024-25

An Observer's view

A Division that finished with two Clubs who (very) narrowly avoided relegation twelve months previously this time occupying the first two places. NEW MILTON TOWN finished eleven points clear, scoring 111 goals in the process, with one-time goalkeeper Brad Snelling and Barney Stone scoring 61 goals between them in all competitions. FRIMLEY GREEN picked themselves up from two disastrous seasons – relegation in the Combined Counties and 18th in Wessex One – to claim the runners up place with, as per New Milton, two players, Nick Thumwood and Nic Ciardini, to the fore amassing 55 goals between them.

Third place went to many people's tip for promotion, ALRESFORD TOWN and they, in comparison to the two above them, only had one player who reached double figures as regards goals scored – and that was Aaron Blaxall with 10. Something to be remedied for next season?

Completing the top Four were EAST COWES VICS, who, in many ways emulated Andover New Street in the Premier Division with a play-off place and a good run in the Vase. In defeating both Alresford Town and Frimley Green away from home in the play-offs they returned to the Premier Division for the first time since 2000, while they also reached the Second Round Proper of the Vase before losing by a single goal to eventual semi-finalists, Hartpury University.

Fifth place and the final play-off spot was secured by FLEETLANDS following a strong second half to the season but they eventually found Frimley Green too strong. Welcomed back to the Wessex League, HAMWORTHY UNITED were in sixth place and could be a force to be reckoned with next season while RINGWOOD TOWN climbed nine places to finish seventh as well as greatly improving their ground and facilities. NEWPORT moved up from twelfth to eighth but will no doubt be disappointed and are now the "lowest" of the three Island Clubs. AMESBURY TOWN returned from a season in the Wiltshire Senior League – they were champions - to finish comfortably in ninth place. while COVE dropped three places but seem to have adapted well to the Wessex League and are a difficult side to beat at their Oak Farm Ground.

The second half of the table was led by WHITCHURCH UNITED who, with just weeks of the season left, were strong relegation candidates but produced a storming finish to attain their highest placing for some ten years. CLANFIELD were twelfth, three places lower than their initial season, but are looking at home in the Division both on and off the field and AFC ALDERMASTON's thirteenth place was one of their best in their somewhat yo-yo existence in the League. One place behind the Berkshire side were ASH UNITED, their best finish in their four seasons since transferring from the Combined Counties but LYMINGTON TOWN are still finding it hard as they bid to return to their former glories and they ended in fifteenth spot following relegation.

ROMSEY TOWN fell six places to sixteenth, their lowest position since being relegated some ten years ago, whilst TOTTON & ELING finished just one step and one point above the relegation places. FOLLAND SPORTS fell ten places from fourth place just three seasons earlier, with seeming problems both on and off the pitch contributing to their decline. FAWLEY also fell badly and it is sad to see them in this position given the major problems they have encountered and resolved over past seasons. Last in line were VERWOOD TOWN, ten points adrift in a catastrophic campaign with just five wins and ninety one goals conceded. A place in the Dorset Premier League seems likely for next season.

UPSTAIRS

In the Pitching In Southern League, in Division One South, Bemerton Heath Harlequins finished seventh on 72 points from their 42 games, with Bashley ending on 55 in 14th. Shaftesbury evaded the drop ending in 17th spot a further nine points fewer. Thatcham Town finished 20th on 39 and in a relegation position. It is of course down to the FA as to where they play next term as a return to us is not guaranteed.

In the Southern Premier League AFC Totton were runners up in the regular season but collected a play off final win and will play in National League South next season. Four of the other five former members of our League ended midtable- Wimborne Town (10th), Sholing (11th), Gosport Borough (13th) and Poole Town (14th) whilst Winchester City took the last relegation slot with a 19th place finish.

In the National League South, Salisbury just avoided the drop by way of Goal Difference with 46 points. At Step One, Eastleigh ended in midtable with 59 points from their 46 league outings.

End of an era indeed. Worth a visit if you have nothing planned on the day.



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THE LAST WORD

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.

PHOTO FINISH



League Chair Nick Taplin, present the AFC Portchester captain with the trophy after the win on Monday. Congratulations to all at the club on collecting a League and League Cup double this season. Thanks once again to Robin Caddy for the pictures.



Continuing the cups aloft theme, here below are celebrations from Thursday night after AFC Portchester claimed the prize in the Russell-Cotes Benevolent Cup Final, reproduced courtesy of Robin Caddy.





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