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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 St Mary's in the week, where AFC Stoneham collected their second piece of silverware this season with a 3-0 win over Millbrook in the Southampton Senior Cup Final. Thanks to Robin Caddy for permission to use- and for all his contributions this season.

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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 or cliffpledge@hotmail.com

LEAGUE AGM

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

FIXTURES – 2024/25

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

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



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

The last two scheduled league games were not played and were awarded as home wins as the visiting teams were unable to raise a side.

Tuesday 13 May, Andover Town v Whitehill & Bordon

Wednesday 14 May, Liss Athletic v Denmead

**We hear that Harvest will become
Southsea Sports for 2025/26**

TABLE

POS	HAMPSHIRE PREMIER	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Colden Common [P]	30	23	2	5	113	41	72	71
2	Liss Athletic	30	21	0	9	103	44	59	63
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	30	17	1	12	65	55	10	52
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	30	11	4	15	64	86	-22	37
13	Whitehill and Bordon	30	11	3	16	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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Latest from the Hampshire Combination & Development League



RESULTS

Sunday 11 May

Under 18 East Division

Cowes Sports 2-1 Fareham Town Black

U.S. Portsmouth 3-6 Hamble Club U17

Under 18 Central Division

Winchester City Red U18 H-W Vectis U18

Tuesday 13 May

Under 23 Supplementary Shield Semi Final

Hamble Club U23 3-2 Lymington Town U23

North Waltham 2-2 AFC Stoneham [4-5 on penalties]

Wednesday 14 May

Under 23 West Division

Hedge End Rangers 4-2 Verwood Town

Thursday 15 May

Hampshire Combination Under 23 Cup Final at Havant & Waterlooville (19.45)

Hamble Club 0-0 Fareham Town [4-3 on penalties]

Friday 16 May

John Stimpson Memorial Shield Final at Hythe & Dibden (19.45)

New Milton Town 1-1 Bashley U23 [3-4 on penalties]

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	Hedge End Rangers U23	12	8	2	2	41	23	18	26
3	Laverstock & Ford U23	12	8	1	3	43	25	18	25
4	Lymington Town U23	14	5	1	8	34	38	-4	16
5	Verwood Town U23	14	5	1	8	24	31	-7	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	22	16	4	2	52
2	AFC Portchester U18	22	13	4	5	43
3	Fareham Town U18 Black	22	13	4	5	43
4	Petersfield Town U18	22	12	5	5	41
5	Cowes Sports U18	22	11	3	8	36
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	22	8	2	12	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

Tuesday 20 May

Under 23 Supplementary Shield Cup Final

Hamble Club v AFC Stoneham [at Hythe & Dibden (19.45)]

U23 Premier Division

Fareham Town U23 v Winchester City U23

Wednesday 21 May

Under 23 West Division

Hedge End Rangers U23 v Laverstock & Ford U23 (19:30)

Laverstock & Ford U23 v Hedge End Rangers U23 (20:45)

[Both these games are at Hedge End Rangers- Deer Park]

Thursday 22 May

U23 Premier Division

Fareham Town U23 v Bashley U23

Winchester City U23 v AFC Totton U23

Wednesday 28 May

U23 Premier Division

Bashley U23 v AFC Totton U23

Fareham Town U23 v AFC Stoneham U23

Thursday 29 May

Under 23 East Division

North Waltham U23 v Tadley Calleva U23

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.*

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION CUP COMPETITIONS 2024/25

HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION CUP 2024/25

First Round

AFC Portchester	2-4	Harvest
AFC Stoneham	3-3	New Milton Town [4-5 on penalties]
Brockenhurst	6-1	Colden Common
Clanfield	2-7	Liss Athletic
Fleetlands	0-2	Meon Milton
Lymington Town	2-1	Hedge End Rangers
Millbrook	4-3	Ringwood Town
United Services Portsmouth	1-2	Liphook United

Byes: Blackfield & Langley, Downton, Fawley AFC, Folland Sports, Laverstock & Ford, Midhurst & Easebourne, Petersfield Town and Whitehill & Bordon

Second Round

New Milton Town	1-2	Downton
Blackfield & Langley	3-1	Lymington Town
Brockenhurst	4-0	Fawley AFC
Harvest	H-W	Folland Sports
Laverstock & Ford	3-1	Millbrook
Liphook United	1-3	Liss Athletic
Midhurst & Easebourne	4-2	Meon Milton
Petersfield Town	4-0	Whitehill & Bordon

Quarter Final

Blackfield & Langley	1-5	Laverstock & Ford
Midhurst & Easebourne	0-2	Liss Athletic
Downton	3-1	Brockenhurst
Petersfield Town	0-1	Harvest

Semi Final

Laverstock & Ford	2-3	Downton
Petersfield Town	2-2	Liss Athletic [6-7 on penalties]

Final

Downton	3-3	Liss Athletic [4-5 on penalties]
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[Friday 18 April at Havant & Waterlooville]

JOHN STIMPSON MEMORIAL SHIELD 2024/25**First Round**

Andover New Street U23	1-2	Colden Common
Bashley U23	2-1	Fawley AFC
Hedge End Rangers	7-0	Petersfield Town
Infinity U23	1-1	AFC Portchester [4-2 on penalties]
Liss Athletic	1-8	Winchester City U23
Meon Milton	2-0	Downton
United Services Portsmouth	3-2	Whitehill & Bordon

Second Round

Blackfield & Langley	4-0	Meon Milton
Clanfield	2-4	Liphook United
Fareham Town U23	4-1	United Services Portsmouth
Folland Sports	0-8	Bashley U23
Gillingham Town U23	2-4	Bemerton Heath Harlequins U23
Hedge End Rangers	7-0	North Waltham U23
Infinity U23	A-W	Fleetlands
Laverstock & Ford	9-0	Colden Common
Lymington Town	0-1	Dorchester Town U23

[Dorchester Town played two ineligible players and removed. Lymington reinstated]

Midhurst & Easebourne	1-4	Harvest
New Milton Town	5-0	Christchurch U23
Overton United U23	1-3	Millbrook
Ringwood Town	4-3	Baffins Milton Rovers
Romsey Town U23	5-1	AFC Stoneham
Verwood Town U23	1-2	Brockenhurst
Winchester City U23	4-0	Hamble Club U23

Third Round

Bashley U23	4-2	Blackfield & Langley
Brockenhurst	3-4	Bemerton Heath Harlequins U23
Fareham Town U23	2-0	Harvest
Hedge End Rangers	2-2	Liphook United [4-2 on penalties]
Millbrook	1-1	Lymington Town [4-5 on penalties]
New Milton Town	3-1	Romsey Town U23
Ringwood Town	2-3	Laverstock & Ford
Winchester City U23	7-2	Fleetlands

Quarter Final

Laverstock & Ford	2-5	Bashley U23
Lymington Town	1-1	Bemerton Heath Harlequins U23 [5-4 on penalties]
New Milton Town	2-0	Fareham Town U23
Winchester City U23	1-3	Hedge End Rangers

Semi Final

Hedge End Rangers	0-4	Bashley U23
Lymington Town	1-3	New Milton Town

Final

New Milton Town	1-1	Bashley U23 [3-4 on penalties]
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[Friday 16 May at Hythe & Dibden]

UNDER 23 COMBINATION CUP 2024/25

First Round

Bemerton Heath Harlequins	2-5	Overton United
Christchurch	A-W	Laverstock & Ford
Gillingham Town	1-3	Verwood Town
Hamble Club	5-1	Dorchester Town
Hedge Rangers	6-3	Blackfield & Langley
Infinity	A-W	AFC Stoneham
Lymington Town	4-0	Andover New Street
North Waltham	0-13	AFC Totton
Winchester City	8-0	Clanfield

Second Round

AFC Totton	5-2	Tadley Calleva
Bashley	A-W	Weymouth
Hamble Club	4-1	Romsey Town
Hedge End Rangers	1-0	Baffins Milton Rovers
Hythe & Dibden	1-3	Winchester City
Lymington Town	0-4	Fareham Town
Overton United	A-W	AFC Stoneham
Verwood Town	1-4	Laverstock & Ford

Quarter Final

AFC Totton	2-2	Winchester City [11-10 on penalties]
Fareham Town	1-0	AFC Stoneham
Laverstock & Ford	2-5	Hedge End Rangers
Weymouth	1-2	Hamble Club

Semi Final

AFC Totton	0-0	Hamble Club [2-4 on penalties]
Fareham Town	3-1	Hedge End Rangers

Final

Hamble Club	0-0	Fareham Town [3-4 on penalties] [15 May at Westleigh Park]
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UNDER 18 COMBINATION CUP 2024/25

First Round

AFC Portchester U18	3-3	Salisbury U17 [3-5 on penalties]
Clanfield U18	0-2	Cowes Sports U18
Cobham Sports U18	6-0	Sholing U18 Red
Wimborne Town U18 White	5-1	Eastleigh U18 Blues

Second Round

AFC Stoneham Knights	1-0	Poole Town Wessex U18
Baffins Milton Rovers U18	3-2	Petersfield Town U18
Brockenhurst U18	5-0	Romsey Town U18
Cowes Sports U18	0-6	Winchester City U18 Red
Eastleigh U18 Yellow	3-1	Salisbury U17
Fareham Town U18 Black	1-4	Hedge End Rangers U18 Lions
Fawley AFC U18	4-1	Horndean U18
Gosport Borough U18	0-2	Winchester City U18 Black
Hamble Club U17	H-W	Millbrook U18 Lions
Hamble Club U18 Blue	7-0	Sholing U18 Black
Havant & Waterlooville U18	H-W	Infinity U18
Moneyfields U18	6-0	Whiteley Wanderers U18
New Milton Town U18	1-0	Wimborne Town U18 Black
U. S. Portsmouth U18	0-4	Salisbury U18
Vectis U18	1-3	Cobham Sports U18
Wimborne Town U18 White	5-4	Bournemouth U17

Third Round

Baffins Milton Rovers U18	2-6	Wimborne Town U18 White
Cobham Sports U18	2-2	New Milton Town 18 [3-2 on penalties]
Eastleigh U18 Yellow	2-4	Brockenhurst U18
Fawley AFC U18	4-0	Havant & Waterlooville U18
Hamble Club U17	4-3	Salisbury U18
Hedge End Rangers U18 Lions	1-2	Winchester City U18 Red
Moneyfields U18	0-4	Hamble Club U18 Blue
Winchester City U18 Black	3-4	AFC Stoneham Knights

Quarter Final

AFC Stoneham Knights	1-3	Cobham Sports U18
Brockenhurst U18	4-0	Fawley AFC U18
Wimborne Town U18 White	1-5	Hamble Club U17
Winchester City U18 Red	4-0	Hamble Club U18 Blue

Semi Final

Brockenhurst U18	0-4	Cobham Sports U18
Hamble Club U17	0-5	Winchester City U18 Red

Final

Winchester City U18 Red	1-2	Cobham Sports U18 [25 April at Hythe & Dibden]
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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 5 July

Ash United	v	Bournemouth
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Tuesday 8 July

AFC Stoneham	v	Winchester City
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Wednesday 9 July

Sherborne Town	v	Yeovil Town [19:30]
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Saturday 12 July

Ash United	v	Cranleigh
East Cowes Victoria	v	Hartpury University

Wednesday 16 July

Verwood Town	v	Wimborne Town [Steve Moore Trophy]
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Saturday 19 July

Ash United	v	Milton United
East Cowes Victoria	v	Saltdean United [13:00]

Saturday 26 July

Ash United	v	Tongham
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Tuesday 29 July

Ash United	v	Rushmoor Community
Laverstock & Ford	v	Winchester City

CLUB NEWS

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

No contributions received.

STEP SIX STAT

There were 12 teams that scored in every home league match this season: Bewdley Town, Droitwich Spa, FC Stratford, **Frimley Green**, Harwich & Parkeston, Haverhill Rovers, Longwell Green, **New Milton Town**, Newton Abbot Spurs, Sidmouth Town, Stoke Gabriel & Torbay Police and Wantage Town.

There were just the two who managed to score in every away league match: Clay Cross Town and **New Milton Town**.

New Milton Town appear in both lists and are therefore, THE ONLY CLUB THIS SEASON at steps 1-6 to score in every league match!

In steps 1 to 4, only seven teams scored in every home league game, former members AFC Totton were one of the magnificent seven.

SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP

The organisers had a meeting in April and decided not to go any further with the cup this season (2024/25) and re-draw it for next season. The draw was as follows;

Downton	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Shrewton United	v	Amesbury Town
Salisbury	v	Laverstock & Ford
Trowbridge Town	v	Shaftesbury

The organisers have asked clubs to liaise and put them into their pre-season 2025/26 plans. For completeness, here is how this season panned out, with Amesbury Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins and Trowbridge Town v Salisbury Development not being played. Shaftesbury progressed to the Semi Final as opponents Downton withdrew from the competition. In the only game played it ended goalless between Laverstock & Ford and Shrewton United, with the Wiltshire Senior League side winning 4-5 on penalties.

RESULTS

Wednesday 14 May

Southampton Senior Cup Final

AFC Stoneham

3-0 Millbrook

1392

Alex Welch 16

Tyrrell Sampson 43

Duarte Martins 75

MATCH REPORTS



WEDNESDAY 14 MAY

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP FINAL- AFC Stoneham 3-0 Millbrook

With Tim Smith

On a fine summer's evening at St Mary's, it was a case of red sky at night, purple delight, as AFC Stoneham deservedly claimed the Southampton Senior Cup with a 3-0 win over Millbrook.

Goals from Alex Welch, man of the match Tyrrell Sampson [*pictured left-courtesy of Robin Caddy*] and Duarte Martins took the trophy for the Purps, with Millbrook's chances slipping away when Jamie White blazed a 52nd minute penalty over the bar. The two teams, second and eighth in the Velocity Wessex League respectively, were no strangers as they lined up for the pre-match presentation to the Lord Mayor of Southampton, Councillor James Baillie. This was their seventh meeting of the season in four competitions (including one

abandonment). Stoneham made five changes from the previous week's Russell-Cotes Cup Final, while Millbrook made just one alteration to the side that played in their last league match, a mere 25 days ago! The Dockers kicked off towards the Chapel End and had the first chance on eight minutes when centre forward White headed past the post.

However, Stoneham took the lead on 16 minutes when good interplay between Lewis Nagle, Martins and Sampson on the left led to the ball being played back to skipper WELCH who blasted home from 30 yards. The goal led to a lively, (if slightly high-pitched) rendition of "When the Purps go marching in" from the Stoneham ultras.

Millbrook did have the ball in the net on 21 minutes when White fed in Callum Drake but the flag went up for offside. Stoneham were now moving the ball about confidently, with Sampson having a shot well saved by Millbrook keeper Alex Walder and a low cross by Sampson just eluding Martins. Walder was living dangerously with a couple of excursions out of his area nearly ending disastrously.

Stoneham made in two on 43 minutes, when following good work by Martins on the right, Tom Annetts' ball found top scorer SAMPSON, who took one touch and scored off the post.

It was nearly 3-0 just before half-time when Sampson was through but couldn't lift his shot over the keeper and there was time for a strong Millbrook penalty shout before the break as Drake went down in the box.

HT 2-0

As the sun dipped below the Kingsland stand, it was the Dockers who applied the early second half pressure and won a penalty six minutes in when White was fouled, but sadly the ex-Saint couldn't mark his return to St Marys as his spot kick went over the bar.

Sampson nearly added a third for Stoneham on 58 minutes when he rounded Walder outside the penalty area but shot narrowly wide from a tight angle.

The Purps were sitting comfortably on their lead and made absolutely sure on 75 minutes when Sampson turned brilliantly in the box and set MARTINS up for a powerful close-range header to make it three.

In the final ten minutes, the game understandably became stretched as players tired. Jamie Johnston shot wide for Stoneham after a twisting run and Millbrook almost grabbed a consolation in added time as sub Fil Terzidis saw his shot well saved by Ross Casey and two follow-up efforts were blocked.

On the final whistle, both teams were warmly applauded by their fans in the 1,392 crowd and it was Stoneham skipper Welch who stepped up to receive the Cup – their second trophy of a very long season.

FT 3-0



Courtesy of Robin Caddy, AFC Stoneham are about to collect the Southampton Senior Cup to round off their season with a double cup win.

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 [R]	38	5	8	25	43	91	-48	23	0.605

Congratulations to AFC Portchester and Fareham Town who move to Step 4-the Isthmian South Central Division, we wish them well in their next adventures. Welcome back to Bemerton Heath Harlequins and Petersfield Town. We welcome three new sides to our family, more on them on pages 16 and 17. Sadly though we lose Verwood Town. We wish them well in their plans for next term and hope they're back soon.

THE VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE 2025/26

Wessex Football League		
Step 5 - Premier Division (WXP)		
1	AFC Stoneham	
2	Andover New Street	
3	Baffins Milton Rovers	
4	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	SLD15
5	Bournemouth	
6	Brockenhurst	
5	Christchurch	
8	Cowes Sports	
9	Downton	
10	East Cowes Victoria Athletic	
11	Hamble Club	
12	Hamworthy Recreation	
13	Hythe & Dibden	
14	Laverstock & Ford	
15	Millbrook	
16	New Milton Town	
17	Petersfield Town	SCP
18	Portland United	
19	Sherborne Town	
20	Wincanton Town	

Wessex Football League		
Step 6 - Division One (WX1)		
1	AFC Aldermaston	
2	Alresford Town	
3	Amesbury Town	
4	Ash United	
5	Blackfield & Langley	
6	Clanfield	
7	Colden Common	
8	Cove	
9	Fawley	
10	Fleetlands	
11	Folland Sports	
12	Frimley Green	
13	Hamworthy United	
14	Kintbury Rangers	
15	Lymington Town	
16	Newport (IOW)	
17	Ringwood Town	
18	Romsey Town	
19	Totton & Eling	
20	United Services Portsmouth	
21	Whitchurch United	
22	Yateley United	CCL1

The FA has announced the League Constitutions for Steps One to Six for the forthcoming season, with very few changes to the Wessex League compared to some, the published lists (*shown left*) though do remain subject to appeal.

The PREMIER DIVISION, again with 20 clubs, shows four “new” Clubs with four going out. In, promoted from Division One are NEW MILTON TOWN and EAST COWES VICS, together with a return to the ranks for BEMERTON HEATH HARLEQUINS and PETERSFIELD TOWN. The Salisbury based Club applied for voluntary relegation whilst the Rams return after a season spent travelling around Sussex. One can only assume that Bemerton’s reasons are financial whilst Petersfield will probably welcome their move, although there will be problems caused by such a short term move imposed on them.

AFC Portchester and Fareham Town will play in the Isthmian League South Central Division- alongside former members Horndean and Moneyfields.

DIVISION ONE is increased to 22 clubs with three departures and five new arrivals. New Milton Town and East Cowes Vics have been promoted to the Premier Division whilst Verwood Town have been relegated, to the Dorset Premier League, which would appear to be their preference (also relegated are Gillingham Town from the Jewson Western League). The five Clubs replacing them, hence the total Clubs rising to twenty two, are BLACKFIELD & LANGLEY and US PORTSMOUTH, (both relegated), COLDEN COMMON from the UHLSport Hampshire Premier League, KINTBURY RANGERS, who topped the Corsham Print Wiltshire Senior League by ten points, and YATELEY UNITED who have moved from the Cherry Red Records Combined Counties League. Both Folland Sports and Fawley AFC were reprieved from relegation.

The League extends a warm welcome to the newcomers, both new and old, and wish all clubs a successful season. We also bid fond farewell to the Potters. We hope they return soon.

Kintbury lies near enough midway between Hungerford and Newbury and their ground is in the village along Inkpen Road- at the Gladstone Memorial Recreation Ground. Although coming to us from the Wiltshire County League they are based in Berkshire and played in the Charles Twelftree Trophy this season. A goalless draw back in October against neighbours Hungerford Town U23 saw the visitors progress 3-0 on penalties.

Yateley United finished mid-table in the Combined Counties League Division One last season and play at the Sean Devereux Park in Yateley itself, they have been members before in their previous guise of Yateley Green, a memorable season way back in 2004/05- when they finished at the foot of Division Three with eight points from 38 matches.

Colden Common will share at Winchester City on the artificial surface and have also been members before. In 2004/05 they took the Third Division title with 88 points but had to leave at the end of 2006/07 due to ground grading issues at their former home, the Recreation ground on the B3354 in the village which is still in place although the Black Horse pub opposite has been closed now for approaching ten years. The Stallions reached the Semi Final of the Hampshire Senior Trophy this season., but collected the silverware in 2003/04, 2005/06, 2012/13 and again in 2022/23. The latter being a 2-1 win over new boys Yateley United!

With regard to FA competitions, should application to compete being made- both Kintbury and Yateley have played in the Vase although the former haven't since 1999/00. Yateley have only featured in two seasons. In 2023/24 they made a First Round Qualifying exit going down at home against Shortwood United. This term they reached the First Round after beating Eversley & California on their patch 2-0 but failed to make further progress- suffering a 4-2 reverse at home against Bearsted.

Kintbury have played in 12 seasons with just two wins- including one against one of our clubs (who they will come across during the course of the coming season).

1988-89	Extra Preliminary Round	East Cowes Victoria	AWAY	1-1
	Extra Preliminary Round Replay	East Cowes Victoria	HOME	2-3
1989-90	Extra Preliminary Round	Bicester Town	HOME	0-1
1990-91	Extra Preliminary Round	Wallingford Town	AWAY	2-1
	Preliminary Round	Abingdon United	HOME	1-3
1991-92	Extra Preliminary Round	Ryde Sports	AWAY	2-3
1992-93	Extra Preliminary Round	Wollen Sports	HOME	0-2
1993-94	Preliminary Round	Thame United	AWAY	0-9
1994-95	Preliminary Round	Bournemouth	HOME	2-3
1995-96	First Round Qualifying	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	AWAY	2-5
1996-97	First Round Qualifying	Portsmouth Royal Navy	AWAY	3-0
	Second Round Qualifying	Brockenhurst	HOME	3-5
1997-98	Second Round Qualifying	BAT Sports	HOME	0-2
1998-99	Second Round Qualifying	Hassocks	HOME	2-3
1999-00	Second Round Qualifying	Oakwood	HOME	Scratched

Using the ranking process from last week, Kintbury Rangers currently sit 988th and Yateley 1587th in the pecking order, prior to 2024/25 point additions. None of the three newcomers have played in the FA Cup.

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 further reminder for our 2025 Charity Cup.

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.



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