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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.

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*AFC Portchester (picture reproduced by permission of the club) rounded off 24/25 with a four bagger completed with a penalty shootout victory over Moneyfields in the week.*



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# VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE



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# RESPECT

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

Now the dust has settled here are the top 20 ranked clubs across Steps 5 and 6 this season.

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	Pos	STEP 5	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	Portsmouth 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	Pos	STEP 6	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	Horden Community Welfare	42	29	9	4	109	42	67	96	2.286

## STEP FIVE AND STEP SIX WESSEX RANKINGS - 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>

POS	PREMIER DIVISION	PPG	STEP 5 RANK
1	AFC Portchester	2.711	1
2	AFC Stoneham	2.395	9
3	Fareham Town	1.895	53
4	Hamble Club	1.895	53
5	Andover New Street	1.895	53
6	Baffins Milton Rovers	1.842	66
7	Hamworthy Recreation	1.763	79
8	Millbrook	1.605	109
9	Sherborne Town	1.474	133
10	Christchurch	1.263	180
11	Bournemouth	1.184	206
12	Cowes Sports	1.184	206
13	Laverstock & Ford	1.184	206
14	Hythe & Dibden	1.132	221
15	Wincanton Town	1.053	239
16	Brockenhurst	1.026	246
17	Portland United	0.974	257
18	Downton	0.868	281
19	Blackfield & Langley	0.632	307
20	United Services Portsmouth	0.316	319

POS	DIVISION ONE	PPG	STEP 6 RANK
1	New Milton Town	2.368	12
2	Frimley Green	2.079	36
3	Alresford Town	1.947	61
4	East Cowes Victoria	1.895	69
5	Fleetlands	1.737	94
6	Hamworthy United	1.632	112
7	Ringwood Town	1.605	116
8	Newport (IoW)	1.526	132
9	Amesbury Town	1.368	175
10	Cove	1.342	184
11	Whitchurch United	1.237	204
12	Clanfield	1.211	211
13	AFC Aldermaston	1.184	214
14	Ash United	1.132	225
15	Lymington Town	1.132	225
16	Romsey Town	1.053	244
17	Totton & Eling	0.974	262
18	Folland Sports	0.947	268
19	Fawley AFC	0.868	284
20	Verwood Town	0.605	315

## LEAGUE AGM

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



## SOUTHAMPTON DFA SENIOR CUP WINNERS & FINALISTS [1909 TO 2025]

Following the win last week for AFC Stoneham, the winners list has been updated and reproduced here courtesy of Gary Day.

Win	Final	Total	Team	win 1	win 2	win 3	win 4	win 5	win 6	win 7	win 8	win 9	Notes for winning teams:
9	1	10	Sholing	1925	2002	2004	2006	2007	2008	2010	2014	2017	Prev. Thornycroft's (W), Vosper Th'croft, VT FC. Sholing from 2010
8	3	11	AFC Totton	1929	1930	1947	1981	1982	2022	2023	2024		Totton FC up to 1976; merger thereafter
8	2	10	Southampton	1910	1912	1913	1946	1970	1983	1984	2018		Won as Reserve, 'A', 'B' or Academy team
6	4	10	Netley Central Sports	1956	1957	1958	1972	1973	1999				Previous name: Netley Sports FC up to 1970
6	4	10	Sholing Sports	1920	1921	1922	1939	1962	1980				Previous name: Sholing and Sholing Athletic. Folded
5	1	6	Harland & Wolff	1923	1924	1926	1951	1954					Became Harlandic and YT Harlandic FC. Folded
4	7	11	Eastleigh	1975	1979	1988	1997						Prev Names: Swaythling Athletic and Swaythling. Eastleigh from 1980
4	6	10	Blackfield & Langley	1949	1991	1993	1998						
4	2	6	Pirelli General	1933	1936	1966	1990						Folded
4	2	6	Winchester City	1950	1952	2001	2003						
4	2	6	Team Solent	2009	2011	2015	2016						Disbanded
4	1	5	Folland Sports	1940	1985	1987	1992						Prev Names: Folland Aircraft, Folland Sports, Aerostructures. Became GE Hamble. Club reverted to Folland Sports from 2013
3	4	7	BTC (Southampton)	1928	1931	1934							Won cup as Docks & Marine Sports FC. BTC (Southampton) from 1954
3	1	4	AFC Stoneham	2012	2013	2025							Played as RE (OSO), then briefly as part of So'ton Civil Service, reverting back Then Ordnance Survey and Stoneham FC. AFC Stoneham since 2007.
2	5	7	BAT	1976	1989								Prev names: Bramtoco Sports up to 1972 then BAT. Totton & Eling FC from 2007
2	4	6	Romsey Town	1974	1995								
2	3	5	Warsash	1965	1967								Folded
2	2	4	Woolston	1911	1914								First win as Bitterne Guild FC; second win as Woolston FC. Folded
2	1	3	Awbridge	1963	1964								Joined with Michelmersham & Timsbury to become M&T Awbridge; M&T reverted back
2	1	3	Esso (Fawley)	1937	1938								Won cup as Agwi United. Became Esso (Fawley). Fawley AFC from 2002
2	1	3	Old Issonians	1959	1961								Folded
2	0	2	NDLB	1948	1978								Won cup as NDLC and as NDLB (National Dock Labour Board) in 1978. Disbanded
1	3	4	Eastleigh Athletic	1909									Became SR (Eastleigh) Athletic and BR (Eastleigh) Athletic. Folded
1	1	2	Botley	1968									Folded
1	1	2	Colden Common	1994									
1	1	2	Itchen Sports	1935									Folded
1	1	2	Old Bartonians	1953									Folded
1	1	2	Southampton YMCA	1977									Folded
1	0	1	AC Delco	2000									Folded
1	0	1	Alresford Town	2019									
1	0	1	Bitterne Nomads	1955									Folded
1	0	1	ISL Midanbury	1986									Folded
1	0	1	Lyndhurst	2005									
1	0	1	Old Edwardians	1960									Folded
1	0	1	Otterbourne	1996									Folded
1	0	1	Redbridge Rovers	1969									Folded
1	0	1	Shirley Warren	1971									Folded
1	0	1	Southampton Borough Police	1932									Disbanded
1	0	1	Southampton Civil Service	1927									Folded
0	40	40	Finalists Only (see panel)										
105	105		TOTAL										

**Finals Requiring Replays (10):** 1911, 1925, 1930, 1933, 1934, 1958, 1970, 1981, 1988, 1994. **Final Decided on Penalties (2):** 2007 & 2013.

**Abandoned Finals (2):** In 1937 when a goalpost snapped at The Dell (see venue panel) and in 2000 due to floodlight failure.

**The following clubs appeared in finals but did not win the cup:**

**3 appearances:**  
Austin Sports (consecutive!) and Nursling

**2 appearances:**  
Brendon; Fair Oak; Millbrook (previously Bush Hill), Mottisfont; North Baddesley; Rifle Depot (Winchester); Southampton Post Office

**1 appearance:**  
Bitterne Sports; Braishfield; Brockenhurst; Bursledon Brickworks; Cowes; Eastleigh Spartans; Hamble Club; Hedge End Rangers; Hythe & Dibden; Locksley Sports; Millbrook & Maybush; Mullard Sports; QK Southampton; Sarisbury Green; Southampton Gas Employees; Spartans; Totton Youth; West End; White's Sports; Winsor United.

**Venues for the 105 Finals:**

The Dell 81 times;  
St Mary's Stadium 21 times;  
Lewry's Meadow, Botley (in 1923); Testwood Park, Totton (in 1937 after original match at The Dell was abandoned); Testwood Stadium, Totton 1. (excludes replay venues)

**Notes:** Winning years shown are seasons ended. Notes for Winning Teams column show changes that have subsequently occurred. The last club in a final is shown. The club record is shown (which may include a reserve team). Rankins shown by wins and final appearances.

Cup not completed 1915-19; 1941-45; 2020 and 2021  
Compiled by Gary Day. E.&O.E.

## CLUB NEWS

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

Brian Ford has decided to step down as Secretary of **Amesbury Town** after many years. The new Secretary for 2025/26 is Richard Taylor - [richtaylor272@gmail.com](mailto:richtaylor272@gmail.com) Brian has been involved with Wessex football for many years and was also previously secretary at Downton and Laverstock & Ford before moving to Amesbury. Everyone at Amesbury Town would like to thank Brian for all his work over the years and along with the club, I am sure we look forward to seeing him at home games next season.

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The Velocity Wessex Football League Show is the official podcast of the Velocity Wessex League. We are on air live from Awaaz 99.8FM studios & simultaneously on Fiesta 95FM based in Southampton from 14:00 to 16:00 every Sunday and you can also listen live on [www.awaazfm.co.uk](http://www.awaazfm.co.uk) from anywhere in the world. You can listen back again from the following link.

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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)

## RESULTS

**Tuesday 20 May**

**Portsmouth Senior Cup Final**

AFC Portchester  
[3-2 on penalties]  
Connor Duffin 27

1-1

Moneyfields  
Jafer Mahammedkier 90+2

550 est.

The win for **AFC Portchester** completed a successful 2024/25 campaign for the team, collecting four pieces of silverware. The Wessex League title, Wessex League Cup, Russell-Cotes and (for the first time) the Portsmouth Senior Cup.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

*Latest from the Dorset Premier League*



### RESULTS

**Tuesday 20 May**

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

Blandford United 0-3 Cobham Sports



**TUESDAY 20 MAY**

**DORSET SENIOR TROPHY FINAL- Blandford United 0-3 Cobham Sports**

**With Ian Gilmartin**



The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Senior Trophy brought the curtain down on the 2024/25 season for Blandford United and Cobham Sports on Tuesday evening at The County Ground, Hamworthy. This was the fourth meeting between these two arch rivals this season, Blandford having the best of the results, winning two and drawing the other but the boot was on the other foot, so to speak, when Cobham Sports took the honours on the night in front of 425 spectators, they won the final 3-0 with first half goals by Kingsley Eze-Sunday and Mike Trim and secured the trophy, against the run of play in the second period with a goal from Charlie Shears.

Cobham got off to a flier when a long ball from Harvey Elsom caught Blandford high and square and EZE-SUNDAY was just too quick for the backline and the advancing Harry Foden in the Blandford goal and calmly slotted the ball into the net with just 33 seconds on the clock to give Cobham a dream start. They nearly made it two in the second minute, Foden saving well from Marco Fowler as Blandford were unable to settle. Blandford put a really good counter attack together in the 8th minute with Elliot Manson heading just over the bar after good work down the left by Louis Whetton.

Cobham were controlling the game with Josh Toop so influential in the heart of their midfield and they went two up on 17 minutes, good work from Toop and Joe Wood saw the ball reach Fowler, who in turn found Mike TRIM and he made no mistake planting the ball past the hapless Foden into the net. Cobham were making it hard for the Royals to settle and they came so close to making it three in the 23rd minute but some fantastic defensive work from Ben Knight prevented Josh Buck getting on the end of a crisp cross from Fowler. Fowler had another effort pushed round the post by Foden in the 26th minute as Cobham searched for a killer third goal but Blandford put a good spell together leading up to half time and Sam Lanahan went oh so close in the 42nd minute with a stinging drive from 25 yards that just cleared the bar and the score remained at 2-0 to Cobham at the break.

**HT 0-2**

Blandford immediately went on the front foot at the start of the second half forcing an early corner but Cobham dealt with it comfortably, Blandford's press was more intense and Cobham dropped deeper allowing the Royals to play and they went to the bench early bringing on Dan Naish and Charlie Shears for the industrious Wood and Trim. Cobham reorganised quickly and Fowler brought another save out of Foden with a stinging drive on 56 minutes.

Blandford were capitalising on Cobham's failure to keep hold of the ball as the second half progressed, they were pushing Cobham deeper and were stringing passes together but Cobham were becoming dangerous on the counter and Foden had to be alert to save well from the dangerous Josh Toop in the 69th minute. Blandford were in the ascendency but were being thwarted by resilient defensive work from the entire Cobham backline, any shots on goal were being blocked and any that got through on goal were dealt with by Jacob Deakin. Elliot Manson came closest to scoring for Blandford but he shot too high after a smart turn in the box in the 83rd minute. Blandford were reduced to 10 men in the 84th minute, Charlie John's poor first touch when being challenged by Charlie Shears saw his second attempted touch bring Shears down and being the last man he saw red, this saw Cobham regain some forward impetus and they put the game to bed in the 85th minute, Dan Naish's defence splitting pass found the nippy SHEARS breaching the square backline and his one on one with Foden saw him grab their vital third goal. Cobham grabbed the initiative in the remaining 10 minutes, Naish, Toop and Shears all going close and Callum Perry was unlucky to see his drive canon off the inside of the far post in the 90+2nd minute as they saw out the remaining 3 minutes and claim second trophy in 10 days.

**FT 0-3**

*A competent performance from Cobham although they were put under a lot of pressure in the second half from the Royals but, they didn't really test Deakin in the Cobham goal who claimed his 18th clean sheet of the season and you had to credit a collective, solid, defensive display.*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH- HAMPSHIRE COMBINATION & DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

*Latest from the Hampshire Combination & Development League*



### RESULTS

#### Tuesday 20 May

##### Under 23 Supplementary Shield Cup Final

Hamble Club 1-2 AFC Stoneham [at Hythe & Dibden (19.45)]

##### Under 23 Premier Division

Fareham Town U23 1-2 Winchester City U23

#### Wednesday 21 May

##### Under 23 Division One West

(Both games were scheduled at Deer Park)

Hedge End Rangers U23 P-P Laverstock & Ford U23

Laverstock & Ford U23 P-P Hedge End Rangers U23

#### Thursday 22 May

##### Under 23 Premier Division

Fareham Town U23 H-W Bashley U23

Winchester City U23 4-2 AFC Totton U23

#### Friday 23 May

##### Under 23 Premier Division

Fareham Town U23 0-0 AFC Stoneham U23

### TABLES

POS	U23 PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	AFC Totton U23	11	9	1	1	38	9	29	28
2	Winchester City U23	11	8	2	1	29	15	14	26
3	Fareham Town U23	12	5	4	3	23	17	6	19
4	Bashley U23	11	4	2	5	22	18	4	14
5	Dorchester Town U23	12	3	3	6	23	34	-11	12
6	AFC Stoneham U23	12	2	3	7	19	35	-16	9
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 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

## FIXTURES

**Wednesday 28 May**

**U23 Premier Division**

Bashley U23 v AFC Totton U23

**Thursday 29 May**

**Under 23 East Division**

North Waltham U23 v Tadley Calleva U23

*Fixtures listed are published in good faith and are subject to alteration or cancellation at short notice.*

## 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. I am fairly certain that unless the rules have changed clubs are **not permitted** to arrange or play normal friendly games in the month of **June** - clubs will need to liaise with their County FA.

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

**Tuesday 1 July**

Holt United v Bournemouth -

**Saturday 5 July**

Ash United v Whitehill & Bordon -

Bournemouth v Poole Town County Ground, Hamworthy

Bradford Town v Wincanton Town -

Colden Common v New Milton Town -

Fleetlands v AFC Portchester -

Reading City v Cove -

Stockbridge v Verwood Town -

Tadley Calleva v East Cowes Victoria Everest College

Westland Sports v Sherborne Town -

**Tuesday 8 July**

AFC Stoneham v Winchester City -

AFC Stoneham v Tadley Calleva -

Chessington & Hook United v Cove -

Fleetlands v Moneyfields -

Holt United v New Milton Town -

Pagham v Fareham Town -

Ringwood Town v Laverstock & Ford -

Street v Wincanton Town -

Whitchurch United v Hungerford Town -



**Wednesday 9 July**

Blandford United	v	Bournemouth	Blandford School 4G
Sherborne Town	v	Yeovil Town	[19:30]

**Thursday 10 July**

Cowes Sports	v	Hartpury University	-
Fleetlands	v	Army FA U23	-

**Friday 11 July**

Bridgwater United	v	Sherborne Town	-
Hamworthy Recreation Development	v	Bournemouth	-
Hamworthy United	v	Dorchester Town	-

**Saturday 12 July**

Ash United	v	Cranleigh	Alderwood 4G
Cove	v	Dial Square	Venue TBA
East Cowes Victoria	v	Hartpury University	-
Hythe & Dibden	v	Hungerford Town	-
Laverstock & Ford	v	Salisbury	-
Newhaven	v	New Milton Town	-
Tadley Calleva	v	Blackfield & Langley	Everest College
Verwood Town	v	Crofton Saints	-
Wincanton Town	v	Shaftesbury	-

**Tuesday 15 July**

Cove	v	Godalming Town	Venue TBA
Fleetlands	v	Locks Heath	-
Kintbury Rangers	v	Hungerford Town	-
Moneyfields	v	Bournemouth	-
Street	v	Sherborne Town	-

**Wednesday 16 July**

Verwood Town	v	Wimborne Town	[Steve Moore Trophy]
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**Friday 18 July**

Amesbury Town	v	New Milton Town	-
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**Saturday 19 July**

Ash United	v	Milton United	Alderwood 4G
Bournemouth	v	Frome Town	-
Cove	v	Alton	Venue TBA
East Cowes Victoria	v	Saltdean United	[13:00]
Kintbury Rangers	v	Tadley Calleva	-
Shaftesbury	v	Laverstock & Ford	-
Sturminster Newton United	v	Sherborne Town	-
Verwood Town	v	New Milton Town	-
Wells City	v	Wincanton Town	-

**Tuesday 22 July**

Brockenhurst	v	Poole Town	-
Hamworthy United Development	v	Bournemouth	-
Laverstock & Ford	v	Fleetlands	-
Molesey	v	Cove	-
Moneyfields	v	Andover New Street	-
New Milton Town	v	Lymington Town	-
Pagham	v	AFC Portchester	-
Radstock Town	v	Wincanton Town	-

### Wednesday 23 July

Wimborne Town Development	v	Bournemouth	-
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### Saturday 26 July

Andover Town	v	Laverstock & Ford	-
Ash United	v	Tongham	-
Cove	v	Epsom & Ewell	-
East Cowes Victoria	v	Bashley	-
Fleetlands	v	Selsey	-
New Milton Town	v	Newport IOW	-
Poole Town	v	Fareham Town	-
Verwood Town	v	Christchurch	Venue TBA
Wincanton Town	v	Odd Down	-

### Tuesday 29 July

Ash United	v	Rushmoor Community	-
Laverstock & Ford	v	Winchester City	-
New Milton Town	v	Wimborne Town	-
Ringwood Town	v	Poole Town	-
Verwood Town	v	Southsea Sports	-

## MATCH REPORTS

### TUESDAY 20 MAY

#### PORTSMOUTH SENIOR CUP FINAL- AFC Portchester 1-1 Moneyfields (3-2 on penalties)

##### With Andrew Barnard

A pleasant late May evening at the PMC Stadium, home of Baffins Milton Rovers, was the setting for the PDFA Cup Final between two teams who know each other fairly well, with tight battles over the last few seasons in the Wessex Premier Division.

Repeating Moneyfields success of 2023/24, AFC Portchester have just wrapped up their 2024/25 season by winning the Wessex Premier Division and will play next season alongside Moneyfields in the Isthmian South Central Division, as well as other local rivals Fareham and Horndean.

Straight away Portchester were on the offensive, where Callum Smart had to make some big saves. First, after just 3 minutes saving an effort from Harrison Brook and then later diving across to his left to parry away a well-hit shot by Josh Clack.

In between those Portchester attacks, James Franklyn came closest to goal for Moneys as a brilliant deep cross from the left flank by Lawrence Cooper was met by Franklyn, who smartly tried to lift it over the advancing keeper. Unfortunately, the Portchester shot stopper hadn't fully committed, so he was able to get back on his line and punch the effort away for a corner.

On 27 minutes, Portchester took the lead. A fast-paced corner from their attacking right was met by Connor DUFFIN, who headed home from close range. Moneys keeper Callum Smart protested that Duffin had impeded him, but the referee waved away the appeals.

A few minutes later, Lewis Beale latched onto a through ball in the box and was eased away from the ball by Portchy defender Olly Searle, with some Moneys players shouting for a penalty. Probably the correct decision for no penalty, but I've seen them given on different days.

Just before half time, Lawrence Cooper showed some more smart play on the left wing, cutting back inside the Portchy right-back to deliver a ball in the direction of Franklyn was only just over hit, so the score remained 1-0 to the Arancione.

HT 1-0

Moneys started the second half much brighter than they had played most of the first half, looking more threatening. On 48 minutes, Harry Sargeant broke down the right wing and fired a ball hard and low into the box, but Lewis Beale was wide of the mark with the effort that he probably didn't have much time to react to.

5 minutes into the second half saw the first switch in an attempt to liven up our right side, with Jordan Pile coming on for Harry Birmingham. Shortly after, Harry Thorpe came on for Steve Ramsey as well.

Around the hour mark, Joel Brown cut the ball back to just outside the box for substitute Harry Thorpe to strike. He hit it well enough, but it was too close to Mowthorpe, who got down well to block it. There was a corner following Thorpe's effort, which he took, and Tom Cain leapt well, but his header went a couple of feet over the bar as the advancing keeper clattered Cain with an errant punch. Oddly, no one seemed to appeal, and Cain completely ignored the contact.

Two further changes followed as Mahammedkier replaced Lewis Beale, and then Eric Dellaud came on for Loz Cooper, for Eric to earn his 100th appearance in Moneyfields colours.

It all then started to get tetchy as Portchester started the darker arts of holding onto a 1-0 lead, whilst not really offering too much in the way of a goal threat. It culminated with Connor Duffin getting a second yellow, having gone in late on Callum Smart. He had to be marched off the pitch by a teammate as he'd quite literally seen red.

Two minutes later, Portchy tried their best to get Jafer sent off for nothing more than attempting to block a clearance from the edge of the Portchester box. Two Portchester players were subsequently given yellow cards for over-reacting and trying to force Mahammedkier into a reaction with some fairly strong-armed shoves. Jafer held his calm well, not reacting to the provocation.

After 92 minutes, Moneys finally left a mark on the scoresheet. After the ball had pinballed in and out of the box a few times, Tom Cain delivered a dinked cross from a fairly central position, and it fell quite literally onto Jafer, who bundled it into the goal. It quite clearly came off his chest but again, Portchester felt the need to complain and surrounded the match official to claim handball.

FT 1-1

*No extra time, so straight to penalties to see if Moneyfields could end the season with some silverware. Sadly, it didn't get underway well as Tom Cain's penalty was saved well by Mowthorpe. Smarty did save Portchester's first penalty too, but then Jordan Pile's penalty hit the top of the bar.*

*Portchester scored their second effort to give them a 1-0 lead after 2 penalties each. Harry Thorpe scored our third, and then Callum Smart saved again to make it 1-1 after 3 penalties a piece.*

*Sadly though, Tom Jeffes skied his penalty and Portchester scored their fourth to give them a lead going into the final kicks. Eric Dellaud put his away, but Portchester scored their 5th to give them the win 2-3 on penalties.*

## AROUND THE GROUNDS – REFLECTIONS ON THE SEASON BY ROBIN CADDY



The 2024/25 Season was the third for my ongoing project The Wessex Way. Photographs from the project end up on Instagram under that title, and I happily share photos with the league, clubs and players. In total I saw 51 games involving our clubs, countless goals and a good few penalty shoot-outs too.

The season started for me in late July at Brian Whitehead Sports Ground, where Downton hosted Wessex League newcomers Wincanton Town. It was an emotional night for The Robins, as they paid tribute to Physio Bob Russell who had passed away just over a week before. It was clear to see how much love and respect there was for Bob.

This was the first of eight new grounds for me this season and, like so many in the Velocity Wessex League, it really is charming. A capacity of 2000 is stated, on this sunny Tuesday evening the crowd was 154.



It finished 0-0 at full time, and the season proved a challenging one for The Robins following promotion with them finishing 18th.



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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.

## 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



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