



WELCOME

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of your Newsletter, if you have any contribution, be it Match Reports, player news or photos please get in touch at - newsletter.wessexleague@gmail.com. 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.

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VELOCITY WESSEX LEAGUE CUP 2024/25

First Round

Christchurch	1-3	Sherborne Town [at Sherborne]
Downton	1-0	AFC Aldermaston
Hamworthy Recreation	4-1	Clanfield
Laverstock & Ford	4-1	Ringwood Town
Lymington Town	4-2	Hamworthy United
Newport IOW	2-2	East Cowes Victoria [3-4 on penalties]
Totton & Eling	0-5	Millbrook
Whitchurch United	0-5	Hamble Club

THE
STORY

Second Round

AFC Portchester	7-0	Folland Sports
AFC Stoneham	1-1	Sherborne Town [3-4 on penalties]
Brockenhurst	3-1	Blackfield & Langley
Cove	2-2	Lymington Town [at Frimley Green] [4-2 on penalties]
Downton	3-0	Ash United
Fawley AFC	1-1	Andover New Street [4-2 on penalties]
Frimley Green	4-8	Fareham Town
Hamworthy Recreation	2-0	Amesbury Town
Hythe & Dibden	0-5	Hamble Club
Laverstock & Ford	3-1	Alresford Town
Millbrook	5-1	Bournemouth
New Milton Town	3-2	Cowes Sports
Portland United	1-2	Baffins Milton Rovers
Romsey Town	2-3	Verwood Town
United Services Portsmouth	1-1	East Cowes Victoria [2-4 on penalties]
Wincanton Town	1-2	Fleetlands

Third Round

AFC Portchester	4-2	Brockenhurst
Cove	3-1	Baffins Milton Rovers
Downton	1-5	Hamworthy Recreation
Millbrook	1-1	Fleetlands [3-1 on penalties]
Laverstock & Ford	0-4	Fareham Town
New Milton Town	4-1	Fawley AFC
Sherborne Town	0-3	Hamble Club
Verwood Town	2-3	East Cowes Victoria

Quarter Final

East Cowes Victoria	0-1	AFC Portchester
Fareham Town	2-1	New Milton Town
Hamworthy Recreation	1-2	Hamble Club
Millbrook	5-2	Cove

Semi Final

Hamble Club	2-0	Fareham Town
Millbrook	2-3	AFC Portchester

Final

AFC Portchester	2-0	Hamble Club
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AFC Portchester 2 [Marley Ridge, Lee Wort] Hamble Club 0

At Wicor Recreation Ground- AFC Portchester on Monday 5th May 2025

Attendance 652

AFC Portchester: Steve Mowthorpe, Josh Clack, Conor Bailey, Ryan Wilkins, Spencer Spurway, Jack Lee, James Cowan (Ash Howes), Marley Ridge (Olly Searle), Lee Wort, Ryan Pennery (Oli Davies), Harrison Brook. Unused subs: Louie Martin, Charley Brook.

Hamble Club: Henry Newman, Harry Chivers (Chris Kapend), Harry Hamilton, Joel Ghosh, James Johnson, Bailey Honeysett, Michel Chase (Sol Mazi), Matt Casey, Nick Yeomans, Braydon Douglas, Will Gange (Charlie Wagstaffe). Unused subs: Mac Gange, Harvey Dew.

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 *writes Jon Renyard*.

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



The first drawn Club will have home advantage in all rounds up to and including the Semi Finals, with the Final being played on a ground selected by the Board. If the scores are level in all rounds up to and including the Semi Finals, the match will go straight to penalty kicks to decide the winner. Extra Time will only be played in the Final.

LEAGUE CUP FINALS – A SUMMARY

- 1986/87-** First Leg Horndean 1 (Winzar) Road Sea Southampton 1 (Earles)
1986/87- Second Leg Road Sea Southampton 2 (Maskell, Pratt) Horndean 0
[Road Sea Southampton won 3-1 on aggregate]
- 1987/88-** East Cowes Victoria 2 (P. Butler, Hazell) Romsey Town 0
- 1988/89-** AFC Lymington 3 (Eades 2 [1 pen], Pountain) Havant Town 1 (Todd)
- 1989/90-** AFC Totton 3 (Hanley, Stinton, Voller OG) Thatcham Town 2 (Bailey, Hurdwell)
- 1990/91-** Thatcham Town 4 (Duncan 2, Laing, Walker) Wimborne Town 2 (Lynn, Richardson) aet
- 1991/92-** Thatcham Town 1 (White) Eastleigh 0 aet
- 1992/93-** Gosport Borough 1 (Fear) Fleet Town 0 aet
- 1993/94-** Wimborne Town 7 (Sturgess 2, M Turner 2, Lovell, Lynn, Saxby) Thatcham Town 0
- 1994/95-** Thatcham Town 4 (Lockyer 2, Carey, Durkin) AFC Lymington 2 (Wiltshire, D Knighton)
- 1995/96-** Downton 1 (Woolley) Wimborne Town 1 (Wilson) - Downton won 3-2 on penalties
- 1996/97-** Thatcham Town 4 (Beal, Gomersall, Turner, Whorriskey) Ryde Sports 0
- 1997/98-** Aerostructures Sports & Social 2 (Joseph 2 [1 pen]) Bemerton Heath Harlequins 1 (Goddard)
- 1998/99-** Cowes Sports 0 Lymington & New Milton 0 - Cowes Sports won 3-2 on penalties
- 1999/00-** Wimborne Town 1 (Jones) Lymington & New Milton 0
- 2000/01-** *Competition abandoned due to adverse weather.*
- 2001/02-** Andover 1 (Odey) Fleet Town 0
- 2002/03-** AFC Totton 2 (Whiddett, James) Eastleigh 1 (Anderson)
- 2003/04-** Winchester City 2 (Blake, Mancey) Bemerton Heath Harlequins 0
- 2004/05-** Hamworthy United 3 (Lucas, Dovell, Witt og) Thatcham Town 2 (Witt 2) aet
- 2005/06-** AFC Totton 1 (Hamodu) Andover 0 aet
- 2006/07-** Lymington Town 1 (Marwood) Bournemouth 1 (Phillips) - Lymington won 7-6 on penalties
- 2007/08-** Wimborne Town 1 (Roast) Moneyfields 0
- 2008/09-** VT FC 2 (Sales, Gibbens) Hamworthy United 1 (Crow)
- 2009/10-** Bemerton Heath Harlequins 2 (Sanger, Eastham) Poole Town 0
- 2010/11-** Bournemouth 1 (Hodgson) Winchester City 0
- 2011/12-** Christchurch 3 (Griffin, Osborne 2) Brockenhurst 1 (Kenna)
- 2012/13-** Alresford Town 4 (Bentley 2, Cope, Ledger) Brockenhurst 1 (Edwards)
- 2013/14-** Alresford Town 7 (Bentley 3, Glasspool 2, Manning, Mott) Petersfield Town 2 (Cammack, Richardson)
- 2014/15-** AFC Portchester 1 (Baldacchino) Petersfield Town 0 aet
- 2015/16-** Team Solent 1 (Adekunle) Newport IOW 0
- 2016/17-** Sholing 2 (Byron Mason, Dan Mason) Baffins Milton Rovers 1 (Boam)
- 2017/18-** AFC Portchester 4 (Baldacchino 2, Wooden, Scott) Fawley 0
- 2018/19-** Baffins Milton Rovers 1 (Moret) Portland United 0
- 2019/20-** *Competition abandoned due to Covid-19 Pandemic*
- 2020/21-** Hamworthy United 3 (Devlin, Hodge, Davis) United Services Portsmouth 1 (Franklyn)
- 2021/22-** Shaftesbury 2 (Pope, Phillips) Fareham Town 1 (Bartlett-Scott)
- 2022/23-** Baffins Milton Rovers 4 (Vincent 2, Parish, Everett) Petersfield Town 2 (Barsa, Alcock)
- 2023/24-** Hamble Club 2 (Douglas, Roach) AFC Portchester 0
- 2024/25-** AFC Portchester 2 (Ridge, Wort) Hamble Club 0

In the list below the year represents the season in which the game was played, so for 2011 it relates to the 2010/11 competition. The Final has been decided by penalties on three separate occasions, 1996, 1998 and 2007 and has not been completed on two occasions 2001 and 2020 due to issues beyond our control.

RANK	TEAM [WINS]	ONE WIN A PIECE-
1	Thatcham Town [4]	Aerostructures Sports & Social, AFC Lymington, Andover, Baffins Milton
2=	AFC Portchester [3]	Rovers, Bemerton Heath Harlequins, Bournemouth, Christchurch,
2=	AFC Totton [3]	Cowes Sports, Downton, East Cowes Victoria, Gosport Borough, Hamble
2=	Wimborne Town [3]	Club, Lymington Town, Road Sea Southampton, Shaftesbury, Team
5=	Alresford Town [2]	Solent, Winchester City.
5=	Baffins Milton Rovers [2]	TOTAL: 37 winners.
5=	Hamworthy United [2]	
5=	VT FC/Sholing [2]	

WINS	FINALS	TOTAL	TEAM				
4	3	7	Thatcham Town	1991	1992	1995	1997
3	2	5	Wimborne Town	1994	2000	2008	
3	1	4	AFC Portchester	2015	2018	2025	
3	0	3	AFC Totton	1990	2003	2006	
2	1	3	Baffins Milton Rovers	2019	2023		
2	1	3	Hamworthy United	2005	2021		
2	0	2	Alresford Town	2013	2014		
2	0	2	Sholing [2]	2009	2017		
1	3	4	AFC Lymington [3]	1989			
1	2	3	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	2010			
1	1	2	Andover [1]	2002			
1	1	2	Bournemouth	2011			
1	1	2	Hamble Club	2024			
1	1	2	Winchester City	2004			
1	0	1	Aerostructures Sports & Social	1998			
1	0	1	Christchurch	2012			
1	0	1	Cowes Sports	1999			
1	0	1	Downton	1996			
1	0	1	East Cowes Victoria	1988			
1	0	1	Gosport Borough	1993			
1	0	1	Lymington Town	2007			
1	0	1	Road Sea Southampton [1]	1987			
1	0	1	Shaftesbury	2022			
1	0	1	Team Solent [1]	2016			
0	2	2	Brockenhurst				
0	2	2	Eastleigh				
0	2	2	Fleet Town				
0	3	3	Petersfield Town				
0	1	1	Fareham Town				
0	1	1	Fawley				
0	1	1	Havant Town				
0	1	1	Horndean				
0	1	1	Moneyfields				
0	1	1	Newport IOW				
0	1	1	Poole Town				
0	1	1	Portland United				
0	1	1	Romsey Town				
0	1	1	Ryde Sports [1]				
0	1	1	United Services Portsmouth				
37	37	74	TOTALS				

[1] This team is no longer playing
 [2] Once as VT FC [2009], once as Sholing [2017].
 [3] Winners and Runners up once as AFC Lymington.
 Runners up twice as Lymington & New Milton.

DOUBLE WINNING SIDES

The Wessex League and League Cup double has only been achieved five times. Here's the summary;

1993/1994

Wimborne Town won the title with 107 points, the Cup saw them defeat Thatcham Town 7-0

1999/2000

Wimborne Town won the title with 100 points, the Cup saw them defeat Lymington & New Milton 1-0

2001/2002

Andover won the title with 96 points, the Cup saw them defeat Fleet Town 1-0

2003/2004

Winchester City won the title with 108 points, the Cup saw them defeat Bemerton Heath Harlequins 2-0

2024/2025

AFC Portchester won the title with 103 points, the Cup saw them defeat Hamble Club 2-0

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Sadly, early records would seem to have been shrouded in the mists of time, and the first eight figures shown would look to have been rounded as they all end in a zero. So should anyone have more accurate figures then please do share them with us- contact us in the normal fashion.

SEASON	GATE	SEASON	GATE	SEASON	GATE	SEASON	GATE
1986/87	-	1996/97	300	2006/07	448	2016/17	415
1987/88	700	1997/98	-	2007/08	520	2017/18	354
1988/89	-	1998/99	-	2008/09	301	2018/19	264
1989/90	-	1999/00	400	2009/10	442	2019/20	[2]
1990/91	450	2000/01	[1]	2010/11	325	2020/21	322
1991/92	230	2001/02	324	2011/12	223	2021/22	832
1992/93	650	2002/03	-	2012/13	349	2022/23	610
1993/94	-	2003/04	287	2013/14	171	2023/24	645
1994/95	350	2004/05	371	2014/15	511	2024/25	652
1995/96	420	2005/06	355	2015/16	234		

In the grid above a couple of notes- [1] this was the season that saw the competition abandoned at the Second Round stage, due to the horrendous weather we experienced. [2] indicates the competition was abandoned due to the Covid pandemic



Teams	HOME GOALS	AWAY GOALS	TOTAL BY TEAM	TOTAL BY PLAYER
TOTALS	82	80	162	162
AFC Aldermaston	0	0	0	0
AFC Portchester	11	6	17	17
AFC Stoneham	1	0	1	1
Alresford Town	0	1	1	1
Amesbury Town	0	0	0	0
Andover New Street	0	1	1	1
Ash United	0	0	0	0
Baffins Milton Rovers	0	3	3	3
Blackfield & Langley	0	1	1	1
Bournemouth	0	1	1	1
Brockenhurst	3	2	5	5
Christchurch	1	0	1	1
Clanfield	0	1	1	1
Cove	5	2	7	7
Cowes Sports	0	2	2	2
Downton	5	0	5	5
East Cowes Victoria	0	6	6	6
Fareham Town	2	12	14	14
Fawley AFC	1	1	2	2
Fleetlands	0	3	3	3
Folland Sports	0	0	0	0
Frimley Green	4	0	4	4
Hamble Club	2	15	17	17
Hamworthy Recreation	7	5	12	12
Hamworthy United	0	2	2	2
Hythe & Dibden	0	0	0	0
Laverstock & Ford	7	0	7	7
Lymington Town	4	2	6	6
Millbrook	13	5	18	18
New Milton Town	7	1	8	8
Newport IOW	2	0	2	2
Portland United	1	0	1	1
Ringwood Town	0	1	1	1
Romsey Town	2	0	2	2
Sherborne Town	0	4	4	4
Totton & Eling	0	0	0	0
United Services Portsmouth	1	0	1	1
Verwood Town	2	3	5	5
Whitchurch United	0	0	0	0
Wincanton Town	1	0	1	1

Goals by player

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Clayd Roach, Hamble Club

5

Brad Snelling, New Milton Town

Chris Long, Hamworthy Recreation

4

Nick Yeomans, Hamble Club

3

Adam Woodcock, Millbrook

Matt Casey, Hamble Club

Brandon Chebby, Millbrook

Matt Pates, Fareham Town

Connor Duffin, AFC Portchester

Sam Woodward, Fareham Town

2

Archie Lovegrove, Laverstock & Ford
 Archie Willcox, AFC Portchester
 Caleb Neale, East Cowes Victoria
 Charlie Williamson, AFC Portchester
 Connor Underhill, Fareham Town
 Elliot Holmes, Fareham Town
 Hubert Cegielka, Lymington Town
 Jake Adams, Brockenhurst
 Jo Sutherden, Lymington Town
 Lee Wort, AFC Portchester
 Marley Ridge, AFC Portchester

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Adam Bourner, Laverstock & Ford
 Alex Sawyer, Millbrook
 Alfie Hill, Millbrook
 Ant Herrin, Sherborne Town
 Archie Greenough, Romsey Town
 Ashton Palmier, Blackfield & Langley
 Bailey Honeysett, Hamble Club
 Bailey Rowe, Hamworthy United
 Ben Cooper, Hamworthy Recreation
 Callum Drake, Millbrook
 Carson Arnold, Laverstock & Ford
 Charlie Hewson, Romsey Town
 Chris Kapend, Hamble Club
 Christos Papakonstantinou, Millbrook
 Coby Killick, Millbrook
 Connor Lopez, Lymington Town
 Dan Walster, AFC Portchester
 Darren McAlastair, Wincanton Town
 Elliott Turnbull, Fareham Town
 Finlay West, Hamworthy United
 Freddie Bullard, Bournemouth
 Freddie Ingram, Downton
 George Barker, AFC Portchester
 Greg Borthwick, Portland United
 Harvey Wellham, Baffins Milton Rovers
 Heath Thornton, New Milton Town
 Henry Searle, Clanfield
 Jack Roberts, Fawley AFC
 Jacob Reynolds, East Cowes Victoria
 Jake Fletcher, Verwood Town
 Jake Graziano, Sherborne Town
 James Budgell, Laverstock & Ford
 Jamie Truckel, Fareham Town
 Jamie White, Millbrook
 Jason Parish, Baffins Milton Rovers
 Jemar Collins, Sherborne Town
 Joe Butcher, Newport IOW
 Joe Freak, Christchurch
 Joe Rawkins, Fawley AFC
 Joel Ghosh, Hamble Club
 John McKie, Cowes Sports

Max Wilcock, Hamworthy Recreation
 Nathan Connolly, Cove
 Noel McCarthy-Gardiner, Brockenhurst
 OG for Cove, Cove
 OG for Millbrook, Millbrook
 Ryan Pennery, AFC Portchester
 Sam Lanahan, Downton
 Scott Jones, East Cowes Victoria
 Toby Colmer, New Milton Town
 Tommy Taylor, Frimley Green

Johnny DeFries, Lymington Town
 Josh Benfield, Fareham Town
 Josh Bullen, Frimley Green
 Josh Haskett, Sherborne Town
 Josh Neale, East Cowes Victoria
 Josh Southwood, Cove
 Justin Bennett, Laverstock & Ford
 Kai Grace, Newport IOW
 Leon Carbayo-Borges, Downton
 Lewis Olajide, Millbrook
 Lewis Williams, Andover New Street
 Luis Llewellyn, Millbrook
 Marcelo Rossi, Hamworthy Recreation
 Mateusz Grzybowski, Verwood Town
 Mateusz Stefaniak, Millbrook
 Max Elshaw, Downton
 Miles Wilcox, Hamworthy Recreation
 Nathan Clements, United Services Portsmouth
 Nathan Gray, Fleetlands
 OG for Brockenhurst, Brockenhurst
 Oli Davies, AFC Portchester
 Oli Page, Fleetlands
 Pat Correia, Ringwood Town
 Reggie Hodan, Baffins Milton Rovers
 Rob Tudway, Hamble Club
 Russell Jones, Laverstock & Ford
 Ryan Wilkins, AFC Portchester
 Sam Bentley, Verwood Town
 Sam Hockey, Verwood Town
 Sam Mould, Alresford Town
 Sonny Pike, Hamworthy Recreation
 Stan Bridgman, Fareham Town
 Ted Bignell, Verwood Town
 Tremayne Moore, Millbrook
 Tyrrell Sampson, AFC Stoneham
 Victor King, Frimley Green
 Will Bridi, Cowes Sports
 Will Lippiatt, Hamworthy Recreation
 Will Peters, Cove
 Will Pointon, Fleetlands
 Zak Nash, Cove

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

Dorchester Sports	v	Christchurch	[Milborne St Andrew, 18:30]
Holt United	v	Bournemouth	-
United Services Portsmouth	v	Fareham Town	-

Saturday 5 July

Ash United	v	Whitehill & Bordon	-
Ashford Town (Middlesex)	v	Yateley United	Venue TBA
Bournemouth	v	Poole Town	[County Ground]
Bradford Town	v	Wincanton Town	-
Cobham Sports	v	Hamworthy United	-
Colden Common	v	New Milton Town	-
Downton	v	Salisbury	-
Fareham Town	v	Petersfield Town	[KGV]
Fleetlands	v	AFC Portchester	-
Havant & Waterlooville	v	Baffins Milton Rovers	-
Holt United	v	Ringwood Town	-
Reading City	v	Cove	-
Stockbridge	v	Verwood Town	-
Tadley Calleva	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-
Westland Sports	v	Sherborne Town	-

Tuesday 8 July

AFC Stoneham	v	Winchester City	-
AFC Stoneham	v	Tadley Calleva	-
Chessington & Hook United	v	Cove	-
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]
Fleetlands	v	Army FA U23	-
Sherborne Town	v	Yeovil Town	[19:30]

Thursday 10 July

Christchurch	v	Wimborne Town	[Gerry Page Trophy]
Cowes Sports	v	Hartpury University	-

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
Downton	v	Lymington Town	-
East Cowes Victoria	v	Hartpury University	-
Fleetlands	v	Moneyfields	-
Hamworthy Recreation	v	Fareham Town	-
Hythe & Dibden	v	Hungerford Town	-
Keens Park Rangers	v	Yateley United	Venue TBA
Laverstock & Ford	v	Salisbury	-
Nailsea & Tickenham	v	Wincanton Town	-
Newhaven	v	New Milton Town	-
Sholing	v	AFC Portchester	-
Stockbridge	v	Ringwood Town	-
Tadley Calleva	v	Blackfield & Langley	[Everest College]
Verwood Town	v	Crofton Saints	-

Tuesday 15 July

Clanfield	v	Christchurch	-
Colden Common	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-
Cove	v	Godalming Town	Venue TBA
Cowes Sports	v	Brading Town	-
Fleetlands	v	Locks Heath	-
Hamworthy United	v	Swanage Town & Herston	-
Kintbury Rangers	v	Hungerford Town	-
Moneyfields	v	Bournemouth	-
Selsey	v	Fareham Town	-
Sheerwater	v	Yateley United	-
Street	v	Sherborne Town	-
Verwood Town	v	Wimborne Town	[Steve Moore Trophy]

Wednesday 16 July

Blandford United	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-
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Thursday 17 July

Bournemouth Sports	v	Ringwood Town	-
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Friday 18 July

Amesbury Town	v	New Milton Town	-
Chichester City	v	Christchurch	[Steve Bernard Trophy]
Horndean	v	Petersfield Town	[Hanna Cup]

Saturday 19 July

Ash United	v	Milton United	[Alderwood 4G]
Bournemouth	v	Frome Town	-
Cove	v	Alton	Venue TBA
Cowes Sports	v	Havant & Waterlooville	-
Downton	v	Totton & Eling	-
East Cowes Victoria	v	Saltdean United	[13:00]
Fareham Town	v	AFC Stoneham	-
Holt United	v	Hamworthy United	-
Kintbury Rangers	v	Tadley Calleva	-
Millbrook	v	Fleetlands	-
Petersfield Town	v	AFC Portchester	-
Ringwood Town	v	Hamworthy Recreation	-

Shaftesbury	v	Laverstock & Ford	-
Spelthorne Sports	v	Yateley United	Venue TBA
Sturminster Newton United	v	Sherborne Town	-
Verwood Town	v	New Milton Town	-
Wells City	v	Wincanton Town	-
Tuesday 22 July			
Brockenhurst	v	Poole Town	-
Cobham Sports	v	Downton	-
Cowes Sports	v	Newport IOW	-
Fareham Town	v	Wimborne Town	-
Hamworthy United	v	Bournemouth	-
Horndean	v	Christchurch	-
Laverstock & Ford	v	Fleetlands	-
Molesey	v	Cove	-
Moneyfields	v	Andover New Street	-
New Milton Town	v	Lymington Town	-
Pagham	v	AFC Portchester	-
PFC Victoria London	v	Yateley United	Venue TBA
Radstock Town	v	Wincanton Town	-
Wednesday 23 July			
Wimborne Town Development	v	Bournemouth	-
Thursday 25 July			
Bournemouth Sports	v	Downton	-
Saturday 26 July			
AFC Portchester	v	Hamble Club	[Wessex League Charity Cup]
Amesbury Town	v	Inter Legends	[Stars Appeal Fundraiser]
Andover Town	v	Laverstock & Ford	-
Ash United	v	Tongham	-
Cobham Sports	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	-
Cove	v	Epsom & Ewell	-
East Cowes Victoria	v	Bashley	-
Fleetlands	v	Selsey	-
Hamworthy United	v	Blandford United	-
New Milton Town	v	Newport IOW	-
Poole Town	v	Fareham Town	-
Ringwood Town	v	Swanage Town & Herston	-
United Services Portsmouth	v	Cowes Sports	-
Verwood Town	v	Christchurch	Venue TBA
Wincanton Town	v	Odd Down	-
Yateley United	v	Downton	-
Tuesday 29 July			
AFC Portchester	v	Bashley	-
Ash United	v	Rushmoor Community	-
Downton	v	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	[Salisbury Hospital Cup]
Laverstock & Ford	v	Winchester City	
New Milton Town	v	Wimborne Town	
Ringwood Town	v	Poole Town	
Verwood Town	v	Southsea Sports	

Don't forget that the FA Full Time site is down for end of season maintenance this weekend.

FA COMPETITIONS – LATEST NEWS

Here are the summary dates to watch out for across Cup, Vase and Youth Cup-

Friday 13 June 2025 - Round dates

Friday 27 June 2025 - Acceptances, exemptions, prize money

Friday 04 July 2025 - Draws for the first two rounds

Clubs have received an email upon submission of an application to enter FA Competitions (one or more of The Emirates FA Cup, The Isuzu FA Vase and The FA Youth Cup) for season 2025/26. Please note, receiving this email does not constitute acceptance into any of the above Competitions, a list of Clubs accepted into each Competition shall be provided on the date below. The email serves to notify clubs of the upcoming key dates regarding FA Competitions.

**Please note, all dates are subject to change, any changes shall be communicated if required.*

On Friday 13 June 2025, the FA shall be releasing the below information;
Round dates for The Emirates FA Cup, The Isuzu FA Vase and The FA Youth Cup.

On Friday 27 June 2025, the FA shall be releasing the below information for each Competition;

- List of Clubs accepted into each Competition (Clubs not accepted into a Competition shall be notified separately regarding that Competition on the same date)
- List of Clubs to receive exemption
- Prize Fund

On Friday 4 July 2025, the FA shall be releasing the below information;

- The Emirates FA Cup – Extra Preliminary Round & Preliminary Round draws
- The Isuzu FA Vase – First Round Qualifying & Second Round Qualifying draws
- The FA Youth Cup – Extra Preliminary Round & Preliminary Round draws

During the week commencing **Monday 14 July 2025**, Clubs shall receive the below;

- Competition Rules (The Emirates FA Cup, The Isuzu FA Vase and The FA Youth Cup) *(by email)*
- Carbonated team sheets *(by post)*
- FA wall planner *(by post)*

STEP FIVE AND SIX PLAY OFF STATISTICS

Now that the Step 5/6 play-offs are complete, a few stats- reproduced courtesy of the Non-League HQ team, an invaluable source of information; find out more here- <https://nonleaguehq.com>

Step 5:

4 Semi Finals went to Penalties, one won by the home side, three by the away team.

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13 Finals saw the home team get promoted, two won away in 90 minutes and one won on Penalties.

7 of the 16 Finals finished with a 2-1 score.

Step 6:

10 Semi Finals went to Penalties, four won by the home side, six by the away team.

6 Finals went to Penalties, two won by the home side, four by the away team.

7 Finals saw the home team get promoted with eight away teams doing the same.

There were three games ending 2-2 and three with a 2-0 score.

Biggest win across Steps 5 and 6 was a 5-0 win away by Bradford Town.

No team won both ties on Penalties, every promoted team won at least one game in 90 minutes.

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

CLUB NEWS

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

Please note a change to the email address for the **Amesbury Town** secretary Richard Taylor, it should read- richtayl272@gmail.com and **not** what was printed last week.

AROUND THE GROUNDS – REFLECTIONS ON THE SEASON

With Robin Caddy and Tim Smith

On the first weekend of August, fans of 745 clubs were dreaming that maybe this year could be their year as the Emirates FA Cup kicked off with in the Extra Preliminary Round, a mere 70 days after Manchester United lifted the trophy in the Cup Final. That was the sixth most entries ever, and Millbrook FC were among the teams making their debut in the competition. While eventually all roads lead to Wembley, first up for The Dockers it was a 41 mile trip up the M3 to Barlows Park to face Tadley Calleva. After 17 years in the Wessex League, Tadley joined the Combined Counties in 2021, the same year that Millbrook came in to existence.

You don't have to know much Latin (or history) to know that The Romans get their nickname from nearby settlement Calleva Atrebatum. Their Barlows Park home is coming up for 20 years old but feels newer somehow. Built on an old landfill site, it was a great venue for a first FA Cup game of the season.

185 fans were blessed with wall-to-wall sunshine, and Bobby Gorman, Jamie White and Mikey O'Connell put the Dockers three up just before half time. It ended 2-3, and Dave Herbert's side were in the hat for the Preliminary Round. Elsewhere, notable results for Wessex sides saw AFC Stoneham win at Moneyfields, and Brett Pitman score three against Petersfield Town for Baffins Milton Rovers, in what was each sides record FA Cup win and defeat respectively. Hamworthy Recreation were also winners on their debut outing.

Millbrook would be rewarded with a Preliminary Round trip to near neighbours AFC Stoneham, eventually losing 3-1 at Test Park in a second attempt at a replay after drawing 1-1 at Stoneham Lane and floodlight failure at the first replay. The two teams would meet seven times in four competitions over the course of the season, including a prestigious cup final at St Marys.

It is amazing to think what it must be like for players of all ages at our clubs to be playing in the most famous cup competition in the world, living their dreams and representing their clubs and the Velocity Wessex League. Back in early August on that sunny day on the Hampshire/Berkshire border, it felt like anything was possible for those Millbrook boys.



Turnstiles at Barlows Park



Millbrook supporters in The Pit



Captain Ryan Fuller waits to lead The Dockers out on their FA Cup debut



Bobby Gorman (3) makes history as the first ever scorer in the FA Cup for Millbrook FC

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