



SYDENHAMS FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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CLUB NEWS:

AFC STONEHAM - AFC Stoneham have a vacancy for club secretary to primarily work with their two men's teams in the Sydenhams and Wyvern leagues.

The position has arisen due to current club secretary, Geoff Smith, having completed 50 years' service and wishing to take a very well earned rest. Geoff will still be involved with the club and handover duties whilst always being available to the new person for help and support.

The new person will be well organised, possess strong communication skills, be computer literate and very personable.

All interested parties should contact Mark Stupple in confidence on 07764 882966 or at chairman@afcstoneham.co.uk.

ALTON - Please note that Alton Secretary Wayne Dickson will be away from the 16th to the 20th February inclusive

During that time contact with the Club should be through the Chairman, Jim McKell, on 07740 099374 or jim@shadesoftime.net.

AMESBURY TOWN – The Premier Division side have appointed Adam Pearson as their Player-Manager until the end of the season. Pearson's appointment follows the departure of Jim Macey, who left his post as Manager at Bonnymead Park last week. Dan Stead will be assisting Adam Pearson at the helm.

WHITCHURCH UNITED – Peter Adams has been appointed as the new Chairman of Whitchurch United following the resignation of previous Chairman, Brian Jackman. Peter comes from an illustrious footballing background having played in Ireland for Tolka Rangers as a Youth and St Canices United as a Senior, winning UCL League Representation caps and the Amateur League three times in succession.

He also won the North Hants Junior Cup with Priestly after moving to Whitchurch. Peter then moved into coaching and was of the founding members of the youth section of

Whitchurch United over 23 years ago. He managed several youth teams and took youth players forward into the Senior teams as Under 18, A Team and Reserve Team Manager.

He has held almost all positions on the Committee during that time and was Vice Chairman to Gary O'Shaughnessy.

With the promise of a new 3G pitch and further sports ground facilities planned for Whitchurch in the next three years, the new Chairman said "These are exciting opportunities for Whitchurch United and something which the Committee and I will be working to maximise."

A SELECTION OF THIS WEEKS' REGISTRATIONS

(This shows the previous clubs that players have played for in the Sydenhams Football League only):

<u>Player</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Luke Benali	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	Lymington Town
Lewis Brown	Verwood Town	Bemerton Heath Harlequins
Callum Coker	US Portsmouth	Folland Sports
Jack Hannam	Romsey Town	Bashley
Ryan Inskip	Andover Town	Fareham Town
Piotr Jacucha	New Milton Town	Shaftesbury
Daniel Laurent	Hamworthy United	Bournemouth
Stewart McAlpine	Hamble Club	Hythe & Dibden
Sam Pekun	Andover Town	Hamworthy United

WEEK TWENTY SEVEN ROUND-UP:

The week started with one game on Monday when Team Solent, the holders, became the third Sydenhams League (Wessex) club to reach the semi-final stage of the Southampton Senior Cup, courtesy of a three nil victory over AFC Stoneham. They will now meet Hamble Cub Reserves at Sholing on the 1st March whilst the other semi-final between Brockenhurst and Sholing will be at Follands on the 9th March.

Tuesday was all Cup football and largely the Sydenhams League Cup. Bashley moved into the quarter finals with Rhys Owen scoring the only goal of the game at Bemerton as the Salisbury based side went down to their second home defeat in the space of four days. Two Quarter Finals were completed with Division One Leaders Hamble Club making the short journey to Premier Division Sholing and taking the tie to penalties before losing out. In the ninety minutes a Dan Mason penalty gave the home side the lead with an quarter of an hour remaining but a Coby Wilson goal in stoppage time took the tie into the penalty shootout. But with Sholing scoring their first three and Ryan Gosney saving three at the other end it was Premier Division side who moved into the semi-finals. The second quarter final on the night saw Division One Baffins Milton Rovers match Portland's performance last season by reaching the last four on their first appearance in the competition. Facing Premier Division Hamworthy United they led two nil at the break courtesy of two Ryan Pennery goals – his fortieth and forty first of the season to date – and then restricted their opponents to a single goal in the second half. The last tie of the evening was in the semi-final of the North Hants Cup with Alresford Town going down four one at Southern League Fleet Town. Fleet will now face Tadley Calleva in the Final with both Clubs perennial finalists in the competition.

Despite the overall temperatures reducing the number of brass monkeys in evidence, all the scheduled fixtures were played on Saturday with the status quo at the top of the Premier Division remaining unaltered. A lone Steve Hutchings goal – his 20th of the season - gave Moneyfields all three points at Bashley whilst Blackfield continued their impressive home form of late with a four one defeat of Amesbury at Gang Warily – four different names on the score sheet. Portland scored twice in the opening six minutes at Brockenhurst and went on to win three nil, a hat trick for Ryan McKechnie, whilst Sholing eased to a comfortable three one win over bottom Club Verwood. AFC Portchester fell further off the promotion pace, going down two one at Alresford – the latter’s performances this season bearing little relation to those of the previous campaign. Horndean and Andover shared two goals and the points at Five Heads Park with the visitors having their goalkeeper dismissed in the second half. Verwood remain in bottom place but Fawley’s three one defeat at home to Lymington meant they dropped to twenty first place. Credit to them for getting the games played under circumstances beyond their control but having played more than the Clubs around them they are in need of points. Whitchurch followed up their win at Bemerton with a hard earned point against Team Solent – Dave Redding scoring for the home side on his debut – but Cowes suffered another bad reverse and will be glad that they have no further trips to Hamworthy this season. Having lost eight nil in the League Cup they went down seven one when they returned to the County Ground in search of League points – Mark Ford claimed a hat trick and Steve Smith two for the home side. Bournemouth gained a useful point at Newport and two goals from Simon Woods helped Fareham to a three nil win over Bemerton and eased their relegation worries.

In Division One Hamble Club increased their lead to ten points with a two goal defeat of Weymouth Reserves as closest rivals Baffins Milton Rovers went down four three in an entertaining game at Shaftesbury – a very late Rob Hatchard goal giving the home side all three points. Laverstock and Ford, yet to record a draw in League matches this season, regained third place after a two one win at Totton and Eling with both goals coming from Russell Jones. Christchurch dropped to fourth after their long unbeaten run ended at Alton with a three one defeat. Shaftesbury’s win still leaves them on the edge of the promotion race where they are joined by AFC Stoneham, two nil winners at Downton. New Milton, with two goals apiece from Steve Flynn and Dom Falco scored five without reply against Hythe and Dibden and Brett Denham’s twenty seventh goal of the season gave Tadley victory over Romsey Town. Ringwood won two one at Andover New Street but East Cowes suffered on their travels again with a five one defeat at US Portsmouth with five different players claiming the goals. Finally Follands produced probably their best result of the season with a six three victory over Fleet Spurs with Callum Coker scoring twice on his debut. Fleet Spurs can score goals but sadly can concede them as well - and need to break the losing habit.

It should be warmer this coming week!

THIS WEEKS’ RESULTS:

Monday 6th February 2017

Southampton Senior Cup

Team Solent 3-0 AFC Stoneham

(Jim Orvis, Tyrell Mitford, Jesse Waller-Lassen)

Tuesday 7th February 2017

League Cup

Baffins Milton Rovers 2-1 Hamworthy United

(Ryan Pennery 2) (Ryan Dovell)

Bemerton Heath Harlequins 0-1 Bashley

(Rhys Owen)

Sholing 1-1 Hamble Club (AET) (3-0 on pens)

(Dan Mason (pen)) (Coby Wilson)

North Hants Senior Cup

Fleet Town 4-1 Alresford Town

(Luke Potheary)

Saturday 11th February 2017

Premier Division

Alresford Town 2-1 AFC Portchester

(Tom Sands, Sam Burt) (Steve Ramsey (pen))

Bashley 0-1 Moneyfields

(Steve Hutchings)

Blackfield & Langley 4-1 Amesbury Town

(Luke Winsper, Jamie White, Harrison Fay, Tom Hill) (Paul Coventry)

Brockenhurst 0-3 Portland United

(Ryan McKechnie 3)

Fareham Town 3-0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins

(Simon Woods 2, Curt Robbins)

Fawley AFC 1-3 Lymington Town

(Kieran Roche) (Sam House, Brad Strickland, Charlie Willett)

Hamworthy United 7-1 Cowes Sports

(Mark Ford 3, Steve Smith 2, Edgar Zanin, Own Goal) (Gareth Bricknell)

Horndean 1-1 Andover Town

(Ian Humble) (Adam Grange)

Newport (IOW) 1-1 Bournemouth

(Jared Wetherick) (Dave Ewen)

Sholing 3-1 Verwood Town

(Lee Wort, Luke Dempsey, Dan Miller) (Jordan Fisk)

Whitchurch United 2-2 Team Solent

(Craig Smith, Dave Reading) (Tobi Adegunle, Jemal Wiseman)

Division One

Alton 3-1 Christchurch

(Regan Hitch, Scott Sanderson, Sean Hayes) (Brandon Boontam)

Andover New Street 1-2 Ringwood Town

(Own Goal) (Charlie Heggan, Own Goal)

Downton 0-2 AFC Stoneham

(Olly Forbes, Ashley Ledger)

Folland Sports 6-3 Fleet Spurs

(Callum Coker 2, Ethan Millar 2, Jamie Dover, Ashley Simmonds) (Sam Knowles, Peter Lines, Chris Rose)

Hamble Club 2-0 Weymouth Reserves

(Mike Byrne, Wayne O'Dell)

New Milton Town 5-0 Hythe & Dibden

(Steve Flynn 2, Dominic Falco 2, Adam Louka)

Shaftesbury 4-3 Baffins Milton Rovers

(Rob Hatchard, Sammy Lopez, Danny Finnigan, Gary Bowles) (George Thomas, Tyler Moret, Callum

Dart)

Tadley Calleva 1-0 Romsey Town

(Brett Denham)

Totton & Eling 1-2 Laverstock & Ford

(Kaine Stanton) (Russell Jones 2)

US Portsmouth 5-1 East Cowes Vics

(Harry Jackson, Jimmi Cuthbert, Zak Sharp, Matt Clenahan, Ben Neal) (Jimmi Burton)

PREMIER DIVISION TABLE AS OF 12/02/17

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Moneyfields	31	23	4	4	78	26	52	73
2	Blackfield & Langley	30	20	3	7	75	31	44	63
3	Portland United	29	19	5	5	71	37	34	62
4	Sholing	29	17	7	5	60	25	35	58
5	AFC Portchester	30	15	5	10	62	43	19	50
6	Team Solent	26	14	5	7	64	36	28	47
7	Alresford Town	26	14	4	8	51	40	11	46
8	Brockenhurst	29	11	9	9	53	51	2	42
9	Horndean	26	11	8	7	51	43	8	41
10	Newport (IoW)	29	9	13	7	41	39	2	40
11	Lymington Town	29	11	5	13	48	47	1	38
12	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	26	10	7	9	40	34	6	37
13	Andover Town	29	10	6	13	42	38	4	36
14	Amesbury Town	30	9	8	13	51	66	-15	35
15	Hamworthy United	32	10	5	17	53	69	-16	35
16	Bashley	29	9	6	14	47	53	-6	33

17	Fareham Town	29	8	6	15	47	63	-16	30
18	Bournemouth	30	6	10	14	39	59	-20	28
19	Cowes Sports	29	6	7	16	33	63	-30	25
20	Whitchurch United	29	6	7	16	40	80	-40	25
21	Fawley	33	7	4	22	44	102	-58	25
22	Verwood Town	30	5	6	19	33	78	-45	21

DIVISION ONE TABLE AS OF 12/02/17

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hamble Club	27	24	1	2	103	25	78	73
2	Baffins Milton Rovers	29	20	3	6	105	41	64	63
3	Laverstock & Ford	27	20	0	7	75	36	39	60
4	Christchurch	28	18	4	6	65	37	28	58
5	Shaftesbury	28	18	1	9	85	48	37	55
6	AFC Stoneham	28	17	3	8	73	37	36	54
7	Ringwood Town	29	14	6	9	62	45	17	48
8	Alton	29	15	3	11	58	60	-2	48
9	United Services Portsmouth	25	13	6	6	63	43	20	45
10	Tadley Calleva	28	13	6	9	57	46	11	45
11	Downton	30	13	5	12	48	42	6	44
12	Totton &	29	10	8	11	51	42	9	38

	Eling								
13	Weymouth Res	28	11	3	14	65	49	16	36
14	Romsey Town	28	11	3	14	49	54	-5	36
15	New Milton Town	28	9	4	15	34	70	-36	31
16	Fleet Spurs	27	9	2	16	62	88	-26	29
17	Folland Sports	28	6	3	19	40	82	-42	21
18	Hythe & Dibden	27	4	5	18	23	57	-34	17
19	Andover New Street	28	4	3	21	25	86	-61	15
20	East Cowes Victoria	28	3	4	21	23	86	-63	13
21	Pewsey Vale	27	3	3	21	27	119	-92	12

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES:

Tuesday February 14th 2017

Premier Division

Sholing v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Division One

U.S. Portsmouth v Hamble Club

Russell Cotes Cup Quarter Final

Gosport Borough v AFC Stoneham

Portsmouth Senior Cup Semi Final

Havant & Waterlooville v AFC Portchester

Wednesday February 15th 2017

Sydenhams League Cup 3rd Round

Alresford Town v Shaftesbury

Premier Division

Portland United v Team Solent

Verwood Town v Horndean

Andover Open Cup Semi Final

Whitchurch United v Winchester Castle

Saturday February 18th 2017**Premier Division**

Alresford Town v Hamworthy United
 Andover Town v Newport IoW
 Bournemouth v AFC Portchester
 Cowes Sports v Bashley
 Fareham Town v Whitchurch United
 Lymington Town v Bemerton Heath Harlequins
 Moneyfields v Brockenhurst
 Portland United v Amesbury Town
 Sholing v Horndean
 Team Solent v Blackfield & Langley

Division One

Baffins Milton Rovers v Hythe & Dibden
 Christchurch v New Milton Town
 East Cowes Vics v Tadley Calleva
 Fleet Spurs v Pewsey Vale
 Hamble Club v AFC Stoneham
 Laverstock & Ford v Andover New Street
 Ringwood Town v Downton
 Romsey Town v Alton
 Shaftesbury v U.S. Portsmouth
 Weymouth Res v Totton & Eling

TOP PREMIER DIVISION GOALSCORERS AS OF 12/02/17**(League Goals Only):**

1. Daniel Mason (Sholing) 22
2. Jamie White (Blackfield & Langley) 21
3. Mark Barker (Brockenhurst) 19
4. Steve Hutchings (Moneyfields) 19
5. Scott Joyce (Bemerton Heath Harlequins) 19
6. Sam House (Lymington Town) 17
7. Kabba Jack (Bashley) 16
8. Jesse Waller-Lassen (Team Solent) 15
9. Tyrell Mitford (Team Solent) 14
10. Steve Smith (Hamworthy United) 14

TOP DIVISION ONE GOALSCORERS AS OF 12/02/17**(League Goals Only):**

1. Ryan Pennery (Baffins Milton Rovers) 33
2. Dougie Rowe (Hamble Club) 25
3. Brett Denham (Tadley Calleva) 23
4. Russell Jones (Laverstock & Ford) 22
5. Tyler Moret (Baffins Milton Rovers) 22
6. Mark Ford (Shaftesbury) 20
7. James Thomson (Hamble Club) 19

8. Sanchez Baker-Jansz (Weymouth Reserves) 17
9. Daniel Bone (Fleet Spurs) 17
10. Danny Finnigan (Shaftesbury) 17

MATCH REPORT

Folland Sports 6-3 Fleet Spurs (Division One) By JOHN

PORTER

On a very cold day at Follands Park, this was yet another disappointing performance by Spurs, who have still to gain a point in 2017 having scored 5 goals and conceded 24 in their five matches so far this year. This time, they had no excuse. Spurs had 14 players and pretty well a first-choice team apart from missing their normal keeper Mark Appleby, who had to cry off at the last minute because of illness. He was replaced by striker Dan Bone, but the emergency keeper could not be blamed for the score. Perhaps the best summary of the match would be to say that for most of the match Fleet made Folland look a good side.

The game started as it was to continue with the Planemakers creating two clear-cut chances in the first two minutes, in each case thanks to slack defending by Fleet. Fortunately for the visitors Follands' finishing was as poor as their own defending and the score sheet remained blank. However, this did not last long, as after 13 minutes Spurs defender Adam Nash unnecessarily brought down a Folland forward in the area and skipper Jamie Dover scored without fuss from the spot. Quarter of an hour later, Fleet's defence was wide-open after a break by the Planemakers down the left and the ball came to striker Callum Coker, who doubled the lead with a shot in off the far post. Spurs soon struck back when player-manager Sam Knowles headed a well-placed free-kick by Nash past keeper Callum McGeorge. However, Fleet's revival didn't last long, as six minutes before the break Ethan Miller outpaced the Spurs defence and gave Bone no chance with a powerful shot into the far top corner. A score line of 3-1 at half-time did not flatter Folland.

After the break, Spurs began to play properly, keeping the ball and putting pressure on the Planemakers' defence, and in the 57th minute skipper Jamil Olweny crossed from the right for Pete Lines to head his first goal for Fleet. Five minutes later, Chris Rose made a long run down the left, rounded McGeorge and slipped the ball home. It was beginning to look as if Spurs might gain one point, or even three, but their good spell lasted only a few minutes as they soon fell back into the bad habits of the first half, enabling Folland to regain the initiative. Midway through the half the Planemakers regained the lead when Miller ran through the centre of the Spurs defence and scored easily past the helpless Bone. Then James Franklyn burst away down the left, carried on through two non-existent tackles and after a goalmouth scramble Coker notched his second with a low shot from close range. Finally, as the game entered stoppage time sub Ashley Simmonds completed the scoring with a stooping header from a right-wing cross.

Spurs' poor form is a mystery, particularly considering that eight of the starting eleven also started in their excellent wins at New Milton and Totton & Eling. Clearly, the defence needs to shoulder much of the blame, but they were not helped at Folland by the lack of cover provided by the midfield. Neither were the attackers blameless, as they were unable to exploit fully Follands' defensive vulnerability in the air.