



SYDENHAMS FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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LEAGUE NEWS:

CLUB OF THE MONTH – Portland United have won the January Club of the Month award in the Premier Division, whilst the respective award in Division One has gone to AFC Stoneham. Congratulations to both clubs.

ISLE-OF-WIGHT GOLD CUP QUARTER-FINALS – The draw has been made for the Quarter-Finals of the Isle-of-Wight Gold Cup and the following ties involve clubs from the Sydenhams Football League:

Wednesday 8th March at 19:30 - EAST COWES VICS v Binstead COBFC

Tuesday 14th March at 19:45 – NEWPORT (IOW) v Ventnor

SOUTHAMPTON SENIOR CUP SEMI-FINALS – The draw has been made for the semi-finals of the Southampton Senior Cup and the fixtures are as follows:

Wednesday March 1st – HAMBLE CLUB RESERVES v TEAM SOLENT (At Sholing FC)

Thursday March 9th – SHOLING v BROCKENHURST (At Folland Sports FC)

CLUB NEWS:

AFC PORTCHESTER – The Premier Division side are looking for an Assistant Manager as well as a Kit Person to work alongside First Team Manager, Graham Rix. Anybody interested is urged to contact Chairman, Paul Kelly, at paul64k@hotmail.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.

NEW MILTON TOWN – Former Bashley striker Shane Sheridan, is now the Interim Manager at Division One side, New Milton Town until the end of the season. Sheridan has also previously played Town as well. He began his reign in charge at Fawcetts Field with a 2-1 victory over high-flying

Shaftesbury, and this was then followed up with a draw against Baffins Milton Rovers and victory over Hythe & Dibden. Sheridan takes over following Luke Phillips' brief spell in charge of the Division One club.

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>
Bradley Benson	Andover Town	Alresford Town
Samuel Buckler	Portland United	Christchurch
Callum Glen	US Portsmouth	Baffins Milton Rovers
Musa Kamara	Team Solent	Totton & Eling
Andrew Knights	Christchurch	Hamworthy United
Robert Pittman	Moneyfields	Fareham Town
Jack Vallis	Salisbury	Shaftesbury

WEEK TWENTY EIGHT ROUND-UP:

Two League matches on Tuesday with one in each Division. A Dan Mason penalty gave Sholing victory over Bemerton whilst Division One leaders Hamble Club shared four goals at US Portsmouth. Coby Wilson scored twice for the visitors but a late goal from Jordan Neal ensured that the points were also shared. In the Russell Cotes Cup two Ashley Ledger goals looked to have ensured extra time for AC Stoneham at Gosport before a last minute goal dashed their hopes and sent the struggling National League side through. Finally, Portchester found Havant and Waterlooville too strong in the Portsmouth Senior Cup, conceding five goals without reply. Portland's League meeting with Team Solent fell afoul of the weather but Verwood remain firmly ensconced at the foot of the Premier Division table after going down three nil at home to Horndean, for whom Robbie Tambling scored twice. In the League Cup Shaftesbury made the long journey to Alresford and were surely wondering as to whether it was worthwhile when they found themselves three nil down. However, an inspired fightback led by two goals from Lee Gale bought the score to four all at ninety minutes and the visitors then went on to win five pour on penalties. They now make face Premier Division opposition again when they visit Bashley in the Quarter Final. The last game of the evening saw Whitchurch exit the Andover Open Cup at the semi-final stage going down two one to HPFL Winchester Castle despite creating enough chances to reach double figures.

With the weather almost balmy for February there should have been a full Programme on Saturday but regrettably the Portland v Amesbury clash was postponed with the visitors unable to raise a side. There have been more instances of this happening across the Leagues this season than over the last three or four seasons combined and it is something that the League and Clubs have to address. The preview of the weekend suggested that the game to watch would be at Test Park but few would have predicted the outcome as a Jamie White hat trick steered Blackfield to a five one victory – surely one of the worst home defeats in the Students short history. This kept the Waterside Club in second place as leaders Moneyfields came from behind to beat Brockenhurst courtesy of two Dan Wooden goals. With Portland out of action, Sholing's three nil victory over Horndean took them back to third place whilst Portchester re-discovered winning form with a two goal victory at Bournemouth. Andy Todd scored the goals that sent Bournemouth back into the relegation area. Alresford, helped by two Chris Mason penalties, beat Hamworthy three one whilst Andover scored three times in the first eighteen minutes before eventually beating visitors Newport three two. Congratulations to Alex Dockree who became the first player to reach one hundred appearances for

the relatively recently formed Andover Club. Bemerton's dismal run continued with defeat at Lymington by the odd goal in three whilst the two other games involving Clubs at the bottom saw Fareham as the main beneficiaries. A perhaps contentious Curt Robbins penalty gave the Cams Alders side all three points against Whitchurch, though Fareham did deserve the win overall, while on the Island Gareth Bricknell's goal gave Cowes a valuable point in a one all draw with Bashley, Kabba Jack netting for the visitors.

Division One leaders Hamble Club needed a late goal from substitute Jamie Mansell to ensure all three points against AFC Stoneham with Baffins holding on to second place after a four nil win over Hythe and Dibden, Tyler Moret scoring twice. Laverstock and Ford scored twice in the last ten minutes to overcome a spirited Andover New Street but Christchurch dropped two points after a three all draw with New Milton. Luke Stone scored twice for the Hurn Bridge Club who unfortunately also conceded two own goals at the other end. Shaftesbury scored four for the second consecutive home game – two for Lee Gale – but US Portsmouth also scored four in reply to take a deserved share of the points. A lone goal gave Ringwood victory over Downton and Romsey and Alton shared the points at the Bypass ground with a one all draw. There was a similar outcome at Weymouth – two all with Totton and Eling – and two Clubs for whom points have been in short supply, Fleet Spurs and Pewsey Vale, drew two each and will no doubt happily take a point apiece. Finally, East Cowes Vics, for whom every step forward is followed by one or two steps back, went down six nil at home to Tadley, the prolific Brett Denham added another hat trick to his season's tally and James Tennant claimed two.

We have to finish on a sad note with the passing of former Cup Final Referee Alan Robinson. Alan used all his vast experience as an Assessor on the Sydenhams League (Wessex) for many seasons and more than one referee, and the League, will have benefitted from his wisdom. Our condolences go to his family and friends.

THIS WEEKS' RESULTS:

Tuesday 14th February 2017

Portsmouth Senior Cup

Havant & Waterlooville 5-0 AFC Portchester

Premier Division

Sholing 1-0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins
(Dan Mason (pen))

Division One

US Portsmouth 2-2 Hamble Club
(Josh Smith, Jordan Neal) (Coby Wilson 2)

Russell Cotes Cup

Gosport Borough 3-2 AFC Stoneham
(Ashley Ledger 2)

Wednesday 15th February 2017

Premier Division

Verwood Town 0-3 Horndean
(Robbie Tambling 2, Connor Duffin)

League Cup

Alresford Town 4-4 Shaftesbury (AET, 4-5 on pens)

(Sam Burt, Steve Hall, Lukas McCartney, Jack Wiffen) (Kent Kauppinen, Dan Sansom, Lee Gale 2)

Andover Open Cup

Whitchurch United 1-2 Winchester Castle

(Danny Phillips)

Saturday 18th February 2017**Premier Division**

Alresford Town 3-1 Hamworthy United

(Chris Mason 2 (2pens), Tom Sands) (Brandon Randall)

Andover Town 3-2 Newport (IOW)

(Zach Glasspool, Adam Grange, Own Goal)

Bournemouth 0-2 AFC Portchester

(Andy Todd 2)

Cowes Sports 1-1 Bashley

(Gareth Bricknell) (Kabba Jack)

Fareham Town 1-0 Whitchurch United

(Curt Robbins (pen))

Lymington Town 2-1 Bemerton Heath Harlequins

(Nathan Hurst, Charlie Willett) (Jake Rawkins)

Moneyfields 2-1 Brockenhurst

(Dan Wooden 2) (Matt Vokes)

Sholing 3-0 Horndean

(Dan Mason, Micky Hubbard, Own Goal)

Team Solent 1-5 Blackfield & Langley

(Tyrell Mitford) (Jamie White 3 (1 pen), Manny Soetan, Liam Robinson)

Division One

Baffins Milton Rovers 4-0 Hythe & Dibden

(Ryan Pennery, Bobby Scott, Tyler Moret 2)

Christchurch 3-3 New Milton Town

(Luke Stone 2, Chris Senior) (Dominic Falco, 2 x Own Goals)

East Cowes Vics 0-6 Tadley Calleva

(James Tennant 2, Spencer Barlow, Brett Denham 3)

Fleet Spurs 2-2 Pewsey Vale

(Rob Colfer, Dan Bone) (Connor Marsden, Tom Ritchie)

Hamble Club 1-0 AFC Stoneham

(Jamie Mansell)

Laverstock & Ford 2-0 Andover New Street

(Graham Mankin, Robbie Gallagher)

Ringwood Town 1-0 Downton

(Charlie Heggan)

Romsey Town 1-1 Alton

(Andy Turner) (Scott Sanderson)

Shaftesbury 4-4 US Portsmouth

(Matthew Clenahan, Jordan Neal, Mig Dark, Josh Smith)

Weymouth Reserves 2-2 Totton & Eling

PREMIER DIVISION TABLE AS OF 19/02/17

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Moneyfields	32	24	4	4	80	27	53	76
2	Blackfield & Langley	31	21	3	7	80	32	48	66
3	Sholing	31	19	7	5	64	25	39	64
4	Portland United	29	19	5	5	71	37	34	62
5	AFC Portchester	31	16	5	10	64	43	21	53
6	Alresford Town	27	15	4	8	54	41	13	49
7	Team Solent	27	14	5	8	65	41	24	47
8	Horndean	28	12	8	8	54	46	8	44
9	Brockenhurst	30	11	9	10	54	53	1	42
10	Lymington Town	30	12	5	13	50	48	2	41
11	Newport (IoW)	30	9	13	8	43	42	1	40
12	Andover Town	30	11	6	13	45	40	5	39
13	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	28	10	7	11	41	37	4	37
14	Amesbury Town	30	9	8	13	51	66	-15	35
15	Hamworthy United	33	10	5	18	54	72	-18	35
16	Bashley	30	9	7	14	48	54	-6	34
17	Fareham Town	30	9	6	15	48	63	-15	33
18	Bournemouth	31	6	10	15	39	61	-22	28

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19	Cowes Sports	30	6	8	16	34	64	-30	26
20	Whitchurch United	30	6	7	17	40	81	-41	25
21	Fawley	33	7	4	22	44	102	-58	25
22	Verwood Town	31	5	6	20	33	81	-48	21

DIVISION ONE TABLE AS OF 19/02/17

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hamble Club	29	25	2	2	106	27	79	77
2	Baffins Milton Rovers	30	21	3	6	109	41	68	66
3	Laverstock & Ford	28	21	0	7	77	36	41	63
4	Christchurch	29	18	5	6	68	40	28	59
5	Shaftesbury	29	18	2	9	89	52	37	56
6	AFC Stoneham	29	17	3	9	73	38	35	54
7	Ringwood Town	30	15	6	9	63	45	18	51
8	Alton	30	15	4	11	59	61	-2	49
9	Tadley Calleva	29	14	6	9	63	46	17	48
10	United Services Portsmouth	27	13	8	6	69	49	20	47
11	Downton	31	13	5	13	48	43	5	44
12	Totton & Eling	30	10	9	11	53	44	9	39
13	Weymouth Res	29	11	4	14	67	51	16	37

14	Romsey Town	29	11	4	14	50	55	-5	37
15	New Milton Town	29	9	5	15	37	73	-36	32
16	Fleet Spurs	28	9	3	16	64	90	-26	30
17	Folland Sports	28	6	3	19	40	82	-42	21
18	Hythe & Dibden	28	4	5	19	23	61	-38	17
19	Andover New Street	29	4	3	22	25	88	-63	15
20	East Cowes Victoria	29	3	4	22	23	92	-69	13
21	Pewsey Vale	28	3	4	21	29	121	-92	13

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES:

Monday February 20th 2017

Sydenhams League Cup Quarter Final

Team Solent v Tadley Calleva

Tuesday February 21st 2017

Russell Cotes Cup Semi Finals

AFC Portchester v Gosport Borough/AFC Stoneham

Moneyfields v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Premier Division

Bashley v Fareham Town

Horndean v Brockenhurst

Portland United v Verwood Town

Sholing v Amesbury Town

Wednesday, February 22nd 2017

Premier Division

Alresford Town v Lymington Town

Friday February 24th 2017

Division One

Romsey Town v Hamble Club

Saturday February 25th 2017

Premier Division

AFC Portchester v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Amesbury Town v Moneyfields

Andover Town v Fawley AFC
 Bashley v Sholing
 Blackfield & Langley v Alresford Town
 Brockenhurst v Bournemouth
 Horndean v Cowes Sports
 Lymington Town v Verwood Town
 Newport IoW v Hamworthy United
 Team Solent v Fareham Town
 Whitchurch United v Portland United

Division One

AFC Stoneham v Tadley Calleva
 Alton v Andover New Street
 Hythe & Dibden v Shaftesbury
 Laverstock & Ford v Fleet Spurs
 New Milton Sports v U.S. Portsmouth
 Pewsey Vale v Baffins Milton Rovers
 Ringwood Town v East Cowes Vics
 Totton & Eling v Christchurch
 Weymouth Res v Folland Sports (17.30)

TOP PREMIER DIVISION GOALSCORERS AS OF 19/02/17 (League Goals Only):

1. Daniel Mason (Sholing) 24
2. Jamie White (Blackfield & Langley) 22
3. Steve Hutchings (Moneyfields) 20
4. Mark Barker (Brockenhurst) 19
5. Scott Joyce (Bemerton Heath Harlequins) 19
6. Sam House (Lymington Town) 18
7. Kabba Jack (Bashley) 17
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 19/02/17 (League Goals Only):

1. Ryan Pennery (Baffins Milton Rovers) 34
2. Dougie Rowe (Hamble Club) 25
3. Tyler Moret (Baffins Milton Rovers) 24
4. Brett Denham (Tadley Calleva) 23
5. Russell Jones (Laverstock & Ford) 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

Fleet Spurs 2-2 Pewsey Vale (Division One) By JOHN PORTER

It was a delightful early spring day as Spurs welcomed Pewsey to Kennels Lane. Unfortunately, the game didn't match the weather, being mainly dull and dreary. The only consolation for both teams was that they registered their first point of 2017, and in doing so broke a long run of defeats.

The game started with neither side retaining possession for any length of time, though Vale were just about the better - strictly less poor - side, then after 16 minutes, Pewsey were unable to clear the ball after a goalmouth scramble following a Dan Bone corner and the ball finished up in the net, the last touch being from Rob Colfer's chest. Five minutes later, the Fleet defence was wide open and Connor Marsden was able to beat Mark Appleby from ten yards out. After that the only other action of note before half-time was when Adam Nash hit the underside of the bar with a fine left-foot (of course) shot from distance, but the ball disoblingly didn't cross the line. Apart from that a streaker or a stray dog or cat - preferably all three - would have made a welcome distraction.

Pewsey started the stronger side after the break, but their finishing let them down, and after quarter of an hour, Spurs made them pay as a left-wing cross from Nash found Sam Knowles beyond the far post. Knowles headed across the goal and Dan Bone nodded home from close range. The game now became all Fleet, who began to create chance after chance but to squander them all. They too were to pay the price of profligacy when in the 40th minute Pewsey broke quickly. Michael Martin made a mazy run along the goal-line on the left before crossing for Tom Ritchie to hammer the ball home from close range. The visitors might even have returned home with all the points, but they too missed chances and were foiled when Victor Mudonhi cleared the ball off the line. Overall, a draw was probably a fair result, and neither side can honestly say that they deserved to win.