



# SYDENHAMS FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER



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## SYDENHAMS

SYDENHAMS FL (WESSEX) CUP FINAL 2017



**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2017**  
**KICK OFF 3pm**



**BAFFINS MILTON ROVERS FC V SHOLING FC**

ADMISSION: ADULTS £7, CHILDREN (U16) & OAPS £4 (INCLUDING PROGRAMME)

AT

**AFC PORTCHESTER, BLANCHARD WELLS STADIUM,  
Wicor Recreation Ground, Cranleigh Road,  
Portchester, PO16 9DP**



## SYDENHAMS

## **LEAGUE NEWS:**

**ATTENDANCES** - With the introduction of MOAS the League has enabled for Clubs to send their attendances in by SMS when texting the result thus there being no need to e-mail Lee Bray for the number.

Only when you are the Home Club after H and A where you enter your score you will see ATT = please enter the attendance after these letters and send with the result

We are aware that the majority of Clubs do this but there are omissions every week and with respect Lee should not have to chase after the figures.

**CONGRATULATIONS** – Congratulations go to HAMBLE CLUB, who were crowned Division One champions on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, following their 2-0 home victory against Laverstock & Ford.

**LEAGUE DINNER DANCE ACCOMMODATION** – The Novotel have a limited number of bedrooms ‘on reserve’ for anyone wanting to stay overnight. They will be held until 12<sup>th</sup> April; however, any rooms not booked will be released the following day. Should you wish to book accommodation at the Novotel, please contact the Hotel directly on 02380 330550.

## **CLUB NEWS:**

**AFC PORTCHESTER** – Ian Saunders, former Manager of Winchester City, has joined the First-Team Management set-up at AFC Portchester to assist current First-Team Manager, Graham Rix, with the running of the side.

**ALRESFORD TOWN** - With immediate effect the local Council have closed the Bar in the Clubhouse at Alresford for an indefinite period but almost certainly to the end of the season. This will not affect the hospitality but there will be no alcoholic drinks on sale. The Club apologise but it is out of their hands.

**ANDOVER NEW STREET** - Please note that Andover New Street Secretary Kerry Tobin will be away from the 5th to the 16th April inclusive and will not be contactable during that time.

The Club e-mail address will be monitored throughout Kerry's absence but any direct contact with the club should be with Martyn Bradford-Brown on 07879 040630.

**HAMWORTHY UNITED** – The Hammers are seeking a First-Team Secretary for next season (2017-18). Anyone interested in the position at the County Ground is urged to contact Club Chairman, Steve Harvey, at [Steve@harveyelectrical.co.uk](mailto:Steve@harveyelectrical.co.uk) for more details.

**WHITCHURCH UNITED** – The Longmeadow club are looking for a Club Secretary for next season (2017-18). Anyone interested in the position at the club is urged to contact Club Chairman, Peter Adams, at [peteradamsie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:peteradamsie@yahoo.co.uk) for more details.

## **A SELECTION OF THIS WEEKS' REGISTRATIONS**

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

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
Joe Briggs	Winchester City	AFC Portchester
Claude Da Costa	Fareham Town	Folland Sports
Rian Drake	Hythe & Dibden	Bashley
Jamie Ford	Winchester City	AFC Portchester
Efu Kazadi	AFC Portchester	AFC Stoneham
Dease Kerrison	Team Solent	Folland Sports
Adam Lowther	Totton & Eling	Hythe & Dibden
Howard Neighbour	Winchester City	AFC Portchester
Bradey Norton	Fareham Town	Sholing
Jason Silver	Winchester City	Whitchurch United

## **WEEK THIRTY SIX ROUND-UP**

Leaders Moneyfields stretched their lead to seven points on Tuesday with a four-nil defeat of a Horndean side that had won at Blackfield and Langley three days earlier. There were four different scorers for the winner and the three Clubs vying for top spot have all now played thirty-seven games.

In the other two Premier division games two Dan Munday goals helped Bashley to a best of five win over Team Solent whilst Fawley gained three very precious points with a four three win at Fareham. Keiron Roche notched a hat trick for The Oilers in what was their first win in eight matches. In Division One US Portsmouth moved up to sixth place with a three two success at Totton and Eling - two for Brendan Agnew - while Romsey scored the only goal of the game at Fleet Spurs. Pride of place on Wednesday goes to Andover New Street who, despite languishing in the lower reaches of the table, scored three goals in the first half before beating Baffins Milton Rovers three one. The Portsmouth side now have to wait a little longer for the win that will ensure them promotion. In the same Division leaders Hamble Club added another three points to their tally with a two-nil defeat of Pewsey Vale. In the Premier Division, a solitary Lee Wort goal gave Sholing the points at Alresford whilst Newport and Portchester could not muster a goal between them on the Island. But it was a bad night for Whitchurch who lost at home for the second time in five days, this time four one to Bemerton Heath. A win would have taken them out of the relegation area with games running out.

Whilst the battle at the top of the Premier Division took another twist yesterday first mention of the day has to go to Hamble Club whose two-nil win over Laverstock and Ford ensured them of the First Division Title in their inaugural season in the League. Back to the Premier Division where Moneyfields lost for the first time in the League in 2017 going down by the odd goal in three at Bemerton, who also won the recent Russell Cotes Cup clash between the two sides. Portland took the opportunity to narrow the gap with a six-goal victory over Cowes Sports, two goals apiece for Darren Wells and Ross Doidge, but Blackfield now look out of the running for top spot after a one all draw with Sholing. AFC Portchester continued their recent run of form with a three-goal defeat of Team Solent and Andover Town went down for the fifth time in a row, this time three nil at the Portway to Lymington Town. A single Ryan Long goal gave Brockenhurst three points against Bashley while Fareham continued their 2017 revival with a two one win at Newport. At the bottom of the table Verwood collected a point at Amesbury, but are relegated, and Fawley's chances of avoiding the drop took another knock with defeat at Horndean. Bournemouth collected three precious points

courtesy of a Stefan Neronski goal against Hamworthy but Whitchurch remain in the bottom three after surrendering a two-goal lead and losing three two at Alresford. They remain on level points with Cowes but the Islanders have a slightly better goal difference and a game in hand. With the title assured Baffins Milton Rovers's search for the one point that will ensure them promotion goes on as defeat in midweek was followed by a two-nil reverse at Ringwood, a result that takes the latter into sixth place in the table. Shaftesbury remain in third place after an impressive three two victory at AFC Stoneham and Christchurch kept themselves in contention with victory at bottom Club Pewsey Vale. Laverstock and Ford are not out of the race but badly need to halt what is now a rather lengthy losing run. Wayne Boud and Indi Elezi both scored twice in Romsey Town's four two defeat of Hythe and Dibden, and another two-goal man was Totton and Eling's Josh Clarke in his side's two all draw at Fleet Spurs. Downton added another to their run of impressive results with victory at US Portsmouth – never an easy place to get three points – while Folland held Tadley to a one all draw at Barlows Park. - Brett Denham's goal for the home side taking his tally to 31 for the season to date. Andover New Street failed to build on their defeat of Baffins in midweek, going down three one at home to New Milton whilst East Cowes Vics went down four nil at Weymouth Reserves but paid gracious compliments to their hosts for the warm welcome and hospitality  
All getting very interesting.

## **THIS WEEKS' RESULTS:**

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

#### **Premier Division**

Bashley 3-2 Team Solent

(Dan Munday 2, Kabba Jack) (Jemal Wiseman, Pip Nolan)

Fareham Town 3-4 Fawley AFC

(Curtis Robbins, Elliot Roberts, Simon Woods) (Benjamin Bolton, Kieran Roche 2, Callum Tanner)

Moneyfields 4-0 Horndean

(Lewis Fennemore, Nathan Paxton, Brett Poate, Jake Raine)

#### **Division One**

Fleet Spurs 0-1 Romsey Town

(Indrit Elezi)

Totton & Eling 1-3 US Portsmouth

(Josh Clark) (Brendon Agnew 2, Lewis Beale)

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

#### **Premier Division**

Alresford Town 0-1 Sholing

(Lee Wort)

Newport (IOW) 0-0 AFC Portchester

Whitchurch United 1-4 Bemerton Heath Harlequins

(Jamie Mansell) (Jon Blake, Scott Joyce, Jacob Rawkins, Mark Smith)

#### **Division One**

Andover New Street 3-1 Baffins Milton Rovers

(Jamie Pollard, Josh Wilson, Oliver Yates) (Blu Boam)

Hamble Club 2-0 Pewsey Vale

(Dougie Rowe, Nick Watts)

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017****Premier Division**

AFC Portchester 3-0 Team Solent  
Alresford Town 3-2 Whitchurch United  
(Tom Sands, John Cole, Craig Harding)  
Amesbury Town 1-1 Verwood Town  
(Craig Wheeler) (Max Fletcher)  
Andover Town 0-3 Lymington Town  
Bemerton Heath Harlequins 2-1 Moneyfields  
(Sam Griffin, Richard Jackson) (Dan Simmonds)  
Bournemouth 1-0 Hamworthy United  
(Stepan Neronski)  
Brockenhurst 1-0 Bashley  
(Ryan Long)  
Horndean 3-0 Fawley AFC  
(Connor Duffin 3)  
Newport (IOW) 1-2 Fareham Town  
(Joe Butcher) (Curt Robbins, Simon Woods)  
Portland United 6-0 Cowes Sports  
(Darren Watts 2, Ross Doidge 2, Alex Godfrey, Tom Richardson)  
Sholing 1-1 Blackfield & Langley  
(Lee Wort) (Harry Jackson)

**Division One**

AFC Stoneham 2-3 Shaftesbury  
(Will Harris, Tom Hogan) (Kent Kauppinen, Lee Gale 2)  
Andover New Street 1-3 New Milton Town  
(Gunner Yates) (Lyam Teixeira, Craig Barnett, Phil Midson)  
Fleet Spurs 2-2 Totton & Eling  
(Josh Clark 2)  
Hamble Club 2-0 Laverstock & Ford  
(Dougie Rowe, Liam Crook)  
Pewsey Vale 1-2 Christchurch  
(Andy Masson, Luke Stone)  
Ringwood Town 2-0 Baffins Milton Rovers  
(Lee Clark, River Smith)  
Romsey Town 4-2 Hythe & Dibden  
(Wayne Boud 2, Indrit Elezi 2) (Ashley Hewet, Dan Gain)  
Tadley Calleva 1-1 Folland Sports  
(Brett Denham) (Ethan Millar)  
US Portsmouth 1-2 Downton  
(Brendan Agnew) (Ben Smith 2)  
Weymouth Reserves 4-0 East Cowes Vics  
(Will Gape, Conor Jevon 2, Gabriel Borowski)

**PREMIER DIVISION TABLE AS OF 02/04/17**

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Moneyfields	38	29	4	5	93	31	62	91
2	Portland United	38	27	6	5	100	42	58	87
3	Blackfield & Langley	38	26	4	8	92	39	53	82
4	Sholing	39	23	9	7	76	30	46	78
5	Alresford Town	37	21	4	12	75	55	20	67
6	Horndean	38	18	10	10	80	60	20	64
7	AFC Portchester	38	18	6	14	73	54	19	60
8	Bemerton Heath Harlequins	38	16	9	13	64	50	14	57
9	Team Solent	35	17	5	13	77	55	22	56
10	Lymington Town	39	17	5	17	63	57	6	56
11	Brockenhurst	38	15	11	12	68	65	3	56
12	Newport (IoW)	37	12	15	10	54	53	1	51
13	Fareham Town	39	14	7	18	70	79	-9	49
14	Andover Town	39	14	6	19	63	59	4	48
15	Bashley	38	13	9	16	58	61	-3	48
16	Hamworthy United	39	12	5	22	65	84	-19	41
17	Amesbury Town	39	9	10	20	58	86	-28	37
18	Bournemouth	38	8	12	18	49	78	-29	36

19	Cowes Sports	38	8	8	22	39	89	-50	32
20	Whitchurch United	39	8	8	23	49	102	-53	32
21	Fawley	39	8	4	27	52	120	-68	28
22	Verwood Town	39	5	7	27	37	106	-69	22

### **DIVISION ONE TABLE AS OF 02/04/17**

POS		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Hamble Club	36	29	3	4	120	34	86	90
2	Baffins Milton Rovers	37	25	4	8	122	50	72	79
3	Shaftesbury	37	23	4	10	112	62	50	73
4	Christchurch	37	21	8	8	82	53	29	71
5	Laverstock & Ford	37	23	0	14	96	64	32	69
6	Ringwood Town	37	20	6	11	79	52	27	66
7	United Services Portsmouth	36	19	8	9	94	66	28	65
8	Tadley Calleva	36	19	7	10	73	50	23	64
9	AFC Stoneham	37	20	3	14	87	58	29	63
10	Weymouth Res	37	18	5	14	94	60	34	59
11	Alton	36	18	4	14	75	75	0	58
12	Downton	37	16	6	15	59	51	8	54
13	Romsey Town	36	15	6	15	65	64	1	51
14	New Milton	38	13	6	19	57	92	-35	45

	Totton & Eling								
15	Totton & Eling	36	11	11	14	61	57	4	44
16	Fleet Spurs	37	10	5	22	79	115	-36	35
17	Folland Sports	37	8	6	23	57	109	-52	30
18	Hythe & Dibden	36	5	8	23	33	80	-47	23
19	East Cowes Victoria	37	5	6	26	32	112	-80	21
20	Andover New Street	35	5	5	25	32	103	-71	20
21	Pewsey Vale	36	3	5	28	42	144	-102	14

## **FORTHCOMING FIXTURES:**

### **Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**

#### **Premier Division**

Bashley v Alresford Town

Bournemouth v Team Solent

Cowes Sports v Brockenhurst

Horndean v AFC Portchester

Newport IoW v Blackfield & Langley

#### **Division One**

U.S. Portsmouth v Romsey Town

### **North Hants Senior Cup Final**

Tadley Calleva v Fleet Town (*at Basingstoke Town*)

### **Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2017**

#### **Premier Division**

Amesbury Town v Fawley AFC

Blackfield & Langley v Brockenhurst

Cowes Sports v Andover Town

Fareham Town v Alresford Town

Hamworthy United v AFC Portchester

Horndean v Bournemouth

Lymington Town v Newport IoW

Moneyfields v Whitchurch United

Portland United v Sholing

Team Solent v Bemerton Heath Harlequins

Verwood Town v Bashley

#### **Division One**



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

## **TOP PREMIER DIVISION GOALSCORERS AS OF 02/04/17**

### **(League Goals Only):**

1. Dan Mason (Sholing) 29
2. Jamie White (Blackfield & Langley) 29
3. Mark Barker (Brockenhurst) 23
4. Steve Hutchings (Moneyfields) 22
5. Scott Joyce (Bemerton Heath Harlequins) 22
6. Sam House (Lymington Town) 19
7. Kabba Jack (Bashley) 19
8. Simon Woods (Fareham Town) 19
9. Steve Smith (Hamworthy United) 18
10. Jesse Waller-Lassen (Team Solent) 17

## **TOP DIVISION ONE GOALSCORERS AS OF 02/04/17**

### **(League Goals Only):**

1. Ryan Pennery (Baffins Milton Rovers) 37
2. Brett Denham (Tadley Calleva) 28
3. Dougie Rowe (Hamble Club) 28
4. Conor Jevon (Weymouth Reserves) 27
5. Russell Jones (Laverstock & Ford) 27
6. Tyler Moret (Baffins Milton Rovers) 27
7. Daniel Bone (Fleet Spurs) 25
8. Lee Gale (Shaftesbury) 24
9. Danny Finnigan (Shaftesbury) 23
10. Sanchez Baker-Jansz (Weymouth Reserves) 21

## **MATCH REPORTS**

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

#### **Fleet Spurs 0-1 Romsey Town (Division One) By JOHN PORTER**

Earlier in the season frozen pitches and waterlogged pitches had caused this fixture to be postponed several times but at last conditions were good and the game could go ahead. It was a hard-fought but sporting encounter and although Romsey had most of the play and created the better chances, Spurs battled right to the end, and there was no questioning their spirit throughout.

Town took the initiative right from the start and took the lead after only 13 minutes. A left-wing cross was flicked on to the unmarked Indi Elezi, who beat Mark Appleby with a precise shot into the

far bottom corner. Romsey continued to have more possession but lacked sharpness in front of goal and didn't trouble Appleby to any great degree. A score of 1-0 to the visitors at half-time was no more than they deserved.

After the break, Spurs began to come into the game more, closing Romsey players down much better, but created few chances and gave their ex-keeper Jordan Westbrook a fairly quiet game, though he made a couple of aerial interceptions. Fleet's best chance came when player-manager Sam Knowles, who had started on the bench, headed a right-wing cross over the bar from close range. At the other end, Town were creating chances, but Appleby was equal to all of their efforts, being forced to make some excellent saves. The game remained tense until the end with Spurs still hoping for - and Romsey still fearing - a late equaliser. However, it was not to be, and the final score remained 0-1. The fact that this was such a low-scoring game - unusual this season for Spurs' matches - was to a large degree the result of Fleet's determined and largely mistake-free defending.

Spurs remain 16th in the table, where they look destined to finish the season. On Saturday, they entertain Totton & Eling at Kennels Lane (kick-off 3.00). They will hope that those players who finished the match carrying knocks will have recovered in time.

### **Sholing 2-0 Team Solent (League Cup) By GARY DAY**

TEAM SOLENT, playing in their 19th cup tie of the season, visited Sholing and were beaten by a goal in each half and therefore relinquished their grip on the Wessex League Cup at the semi-final stage. This was the first season in which the Wessex semi-finals were played on the ground of the first drawn club with the second 'semi' being between two Division 1 teams - Baffins Milton Rovers and Shaftesbury – taking place on the same evening. Solent made a bright start to the game and they could have gone ahead on 13 minutes when Adekunle crossed in to the back post where Orvis hit it firmly but home keeper Gosney pushed it up against the crossbar. Sholing's Cuthbertson received a Brewster corner and his header just shaved the outside of the visitors post shortly after. Solent continued to have at least a share of the possession but opportunities proved hard to fashion for a while. Late in the half, a Thorn pass found Solent top scorer Waller-Lassen who opted to take the shot early and the advancing Gosney was able to push the ball away. A further good Solent passing move created a further chance as Dacres-Smith and Thorn's link play produced a pass to Sheedy and the wide man skipped past a defender and crossed in but Wiseman's header was held by Gosney. With halftime on the horizon, Sholing's Wort was tripped inside the box by Nolan which brought a yellow card for the Solent man. It was a penalty too and Wort [pen] stepped up to stroke it home and give his side an interval lead. HT: 1-0. There were few direct opportunities at goal in the second half but Solent again had the greater share of it. Much as they tried it proved difficult to create any decent opportunities on goal with Adekunle's turning effort that was on target but failed to test Gosney and the keeper getting down low to hold a Thorn header across goal from an Olumuyiwa cross. Waller-Lassen's shot from a wide position on the left was also held by Gosney. Solent looked quite comfortable defensively with Nolan again anticipating the Sholing moves well. However, Sholing did score again when D Mason headed the ball on and Wort crossed in from the right, it got beyond the diving Banda to the back post where Bulpitt was in the right place to apply the finish from close range. Solent kept at it in the remaining time but Gosney kept out a teasing Orvis free-kick. When Wort got behind the Sparks defence, Banda blocked his shot. Thorn's firm and low shot in stoppage time went for a corner, Sheedy's kick was comfortably held by the keeper which practically summed up the way this one went for Team Solent on the evening. FT: 2-0. The performance overall was a committed one with Nolan excellent at the back and Wiseman grafted hard in midfield. Adekunle showed some fine pace against his old club whilst the two full-backs were regularly involved in attacking moves. But, it's not about possession (which Solent had a shade more of) but goals and that stat is the one that counts as Solent didn't pose sufficient threat on the night.

The league cup will now go to the home of either Sholing or Baffins Milton Rovers; it was kind of nice to have that pot sitting proudly in the Test Park trophy cabinet for a while!

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

Sholing 1-1 Blackfield & Langley (Premier Division) By JAMIE SPOOR

The opening effort came in 7th minute when Dan Mason fired wide after Lee Wort had won the ball and then the striker forced a smart save from Brad Snelling early on, and Harry Jackson went close at the other end in the 17th minute. Sholing were rewarded for their bright start when they took the lead on 25 minutes with Wort's 18th goal of the season and forth in succession. Jake Hoole collected the ball on the left and found **Lee Wort** who thumped in an unstoppable shot from 15 yards. The striker endured a bittersweet afternoon, though, and had to go off with a hamstring injury ten minutes before the break, with Zac Mouland coming on. With 5 minutes to half time Dan Mason had the chance to double Sholing's lead but flashed his header wide but B&L equalised against the run of play deep in first half stoppage time caused through the delay during Lee Wort's injury. Ryan Gosney fumbled Jordan N'Galo's shot from distance and then thwarted Jamie White on the rebound but the ball fell to **Harry Jackson** who controlled and finished well from twenty yards.

**HT: 1-1**

Within two minutes of the restart, Sholing were on the front foot and set about restoring the advantage. Jake Hoole's strike from distance was blocked by Steve Walker and substitute Zac Mouland's low effort was tipped past the post by Snelling. Jamie White was the visitor's most dangerous attacking threat and fired a shot narrowly wide on the angle in Backfield's first chance of the half. Dan Mason then had a strong penalty appeal turned down on 71 minutes when he was bundled over by a defender. But the appeals were waved away by referee Moisey. Brad Snelling saved well from Dan Mason, then on 80 minutes it was a welcome return for Barry Mason following his ankle operation who replaced Jake Hoole. Then Ryan Gosney was then called into action at the other end to keep out substitute Luke Winsper with a crucial save. Mick Hubbard was denied by the increasingly busy Brad Snelling late on, but the two high-flyers were forced to settle for a share of the spoils.

**FT: 1-1**

Boss Dave Diaper on the game: "It was an even game, as it usually is when we play them.

"A draw was probably fair, I felt we edged it but they had chances as well and it was disappointing to concede when we did.

"It consolidates fourth for us, we could've been one point behind them with a win but I'm reasonably pleased."

On Wort's injury: "I'd hope that we've caught Worty's injury early enough, we took him off and he's had treatment so hopefully he'll be fit in time for the cup finals.

"Hamstrings can be a difficult injury to predict but I'd say he's probably looking at two weeks out.

"It was a mixed day for him, he scored a very good goal but then to get injured is disappointing."